

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC

ANCIENT, FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS,

At an Emergent Communication held at the Village of
Coteau Landing, 6th June, A. D. 1883, A. L. 5883,

ALSO AT THE

Fourteenth Annual Communication

HELD AT THE CITY OF SHERBROOKE,

On the 30th and 31st days of January,
A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884.

ORDERED TO BE READ IN ALL LODGES AND PRESERVED.

E. R. JOHNSON, Stanstead, P.Q., Grand Master.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal, P.Q., Grand Secretary.

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AN EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

OF THE

GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,

A. F. & A. M.,

Was held at Coteau Landing, Province of Quebec, on the 6th day of June, A.D. 1883, A.L. 5883, for the purpose of conducting the funeral, with Masonic ceremonies, of the late MOST WORSHIPFUL BROTHER WILLIAM B. SIMPSON, a past Grand Master of this Grand Lodge, and of the Grand Lodge of Canada.

THERE WERE PRESENT THEREAT :

M.: W.:	Bro. E. R. JOHNSON.....	<i>Grand Master.</i>	
" "	" A. A. Stevenson.....	<i>Past Grand Master.</i>	
" "	" Col. Macleod Moore...	" " "	
R.:	" A. G. Adams.....	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>	
V.:	" W. Simpson Walker, as	" <i>Junior Warden.</i>	
R.:	" John Renshaw, as ...	" <i>Chaplain.</i>	
" "	" I. H. Stearns.....	" <i>Treasurer.</i>	
" "	" John H. Isaacson ...	" <i>Secretary.</i>	
V.:	" H. Dunn, as.....	" <i>Senior Deacon.</i>	
" "	" W. S. Evans, as.	" <i>Junior Deacon.</i>	
" "	" H. E. Channell, as ...	" <i>Dir. of Ceremonies.</i>	
R.:	" H. S. Couper, as.....	" <i>Pursuivant.</i>	
" "	" J. W. Anderson, as...	" <i>Steward.</i>	
" "	" Franklin, as.....	" <i>Tyler.</i>	
W.:	Bro. D. D. Mann	<i>Wor. Master</i>	St. George Lodge No. 10.
" "	Joseph Martin....	" "	Mount Royal Lodge No. 32.
" "	Peter White.....	" "	Victoria Lodge No. 26.
" "	Fred. Barnes.....	<i>Past</i>	St. Charles Lodge No. 44.
" "	A. Meunier.....	" "	Cœurs Unis Lodge No. 45.

As visitors assisting at the work there were also present :—

- R.: W.: Bro. W. L. Hamilton, *Dist. Dep. Grand Master* of Prince Edward
Dist., Ontario.
“ “ “ Geo. M. Wilkinson . . . *P. D. D. G. M.* Grand Lodge Canada.
“ “ “ John Urquhart “ “ “
“ “ “ Jas. Urquhart *Wor. Master* of Lancaster Lodge,
Grand Lodge of Canada, and others.

A constitutional number of lodges being represented, Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*, the M.: W.: the Grand Master on the Throne.

The Grand Secretary read the summons calling the meeting, also the rules and regulations governing Grand Lodge during its business.

The M.: W.: Grand Master in fitting terms stated the object of the meeting.

The brethren present were formed into procession and proceeded to the Cemetery, where the customary solemn ceremonies were ably performed by the M.: W.: Grand Master, assisted by M.: W.: Bro. A. A. Stevenson and Grand Officers, and the mortal remains of M.: W.: Bro. W. B. Simpson were committed to the grave. That having been done, the procession was re-formed, the brethren returned to the lodge-room, and Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form*.



John B. Leachon
Grand Secy
G. L. of Q.

PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,
A. F. & A. M.,
AT ITS
Fourteenth Annual Communication.

The fourteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, Ancient, Free and Accepted Masons, was held at the City of Sherbrooke, in the Province of Quebec, on the 30th and 31st days of January, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884.

THERE BEING PRESENT THEREAT :

M.	W.	Bro. E. R. JOHNSON.....	<i>Grand Master, on the Throne.</i>
R.	"	" EDSON FITCH.....	<i>Dis. Dep. Grand Master.</i>
"	"	" J. FRED. WALKER.....	<i>D. D. G. M., Montreal District.</i>
"	"	" GUSTAVUS LUCKE.....	<i>" St. Francis "</i>
"	"	" E. D. CHITTY.....	<i>" Ottawa "</i>
"	"	" A. G. ADAMS.....	<i>Grand Senior Warden.</i>
"	"	" H. C. BLINN.....	<i>" Junior Warden.</i>
"	"	" REV. H. W. NYE, as.....	<i>" Chaplain.</i>
"	"	" I. H. STEARNS.....	<i>" Treasurer.</i>
"	"	" THOS. DARLING.....	<i>" Registrar.</i>
"	"	" JOHN H. ISAACSON.....	<i>" Secretary.</i>
V.	"	" CHARLES BYRD.....	<i>" Senior Deacon.</i>
"	"	" DAVID SEATH, as.....	<i>" Junior Deacon.</i>
"	"	" H. DUNN, as.....	<i>" Director of Ceremonies.</i>
"	"	" C. S. CHANNELL, as.....	<i>" Organist.</i>
R.	"	" S. H. COUPER, as.....	<i>" Pursuivant.</i>

V.:	W.:	Bro. H. D. MOORE.....	<i>Grand Steward.</i>
"	"	" AUGUSTUS E. LEE.....	" "
"	"	" D. ANDERSON.....	" "
"	"	" J. CHESNEY.....	" <i>Tyler.</i>

PAST GRAND OFFICERS.

M.:	W.:	Bro. GEO. O. TYLER.....	<i>Past Grand Master.</i>
R.:	"	" A. F. SIMPSON.....	" <i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
"	"	" JOSEPH MITCHELL.....	" " " "
"	"	" E. S. FOSS.....	" " " "
"	"	" H. L. ROBINSON.....	" " " "
"	"	" J. B. CHARLESON.....	" " " "
"	"	" TIMOTHY LEET.....	" " " "
"	"	" W. M. LeMESSURIER...	" " " "
"	"	" JOHN RENSHAW.....	" " <i>Junior Warden.</i>
"	"	" H. W. WOOD.....	" " " "
"	"	" J. B. CHARLESON.....	" " " "
"	"	" H. S. COUPER.....	" " " "
"	"	" REV. H. W. NYE.....	" " <i>Chaplain.</i>
"	"	" T. LEET.....	" " <i>Registrar.</i>
V.:	"	" C. S. CHANNELL.....	" " <i>Dir. of Ceremonies.</i>
"	"	" JOHN WILSON.....	" " <i>Senior Deacon.</i>
"	"	" W. R. CUTHBERT.....	" " <i>Junior</i> "
"	"	" JOSEPH MARTIN.....	" " " "
"	"	" CHAS. KNOWLES.....	" " <i>Pursuivant.</i>

A constitutional number of lodges being represented in Grand Lodge, R.:. W.:. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye offered prayer, and Grand Lodge was opened in *ample form*.

The Committee on Credentials and Reception reported that the following lodges were duly represented at the present meeting of Grand Lodge:

No 1.—LODGE OF ANTIQUITY.

R.:	W.:	Bro. Alex. Chisholm, W. M.
"	"	" W. M. LeMessurier, P. M.

No. 2.—ALBION.

W.:	Bro. Hugh Paton, W. M.
"	" Henry. Higgins, P. M.
M.:	" J. H. Graham, P. M.
"	" Charles Knowles, P. M.
"	" E. H. Pfeiffer, P. M.
"	" H. Griffith, P. M.

No. 3.—ST. JOHN.

W.: Bro. Wm. Lee, P. M. and proxy.
 " " H. J. Miller, P. M.
 " " Chas. McKenzie, P. M.
 " W. J. Fraser, Junior Warden.

No. 4.—DORCHESTER.

W.: Bro. J. B. Futvoye, W. M.
 " H. G. Perchard, Senior Warden.

No. 5.—GOLDEN RULE.

W.: Bro. H. E. Hill, W. M.
 V.: W.: Bro. H. E. Channell, P. M.
 " " C. S. Channell, P. M.
 " " D. McIlheny, P. M.
 " " R. E. Parsons, P. M.
 " " E. B. Gustin, P. M.
 M.: " " E. R. Johnson, P. M.

No. 6.—ST. ANDREW.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Bowen, Jr., P. M.
 " " F. T. Thomas, P. M.

No. 7.—ELGIN.

W.: Bro. Wm. M. Briggs, W. M.
 M.: " " John H. Graham, P. M.
 R.: " " Henry S. Couper, P. M.
 " " J. H. Isaacson, P. M.
 " " J. P. Griffin, J. W.

No. 8.—PREVOST.

W.: Bro. Edwin Hall, P. M.

No. 9.—NELSON.

W.: Bro. L. G. Burnell, P. M.
 V.: " " H. A. Moore, P. M.
 " " G. S. Sixby, J. W.

No. 10.—ST. GEORGE.

W.: Bro. Duncan McCormick, W. M.
 " " George Wait, P. M.
 V.: " " M. Lesser, P. M.

No. 11.—ST. GEORGE.

V.: W.: Bro. John Wilson, P. M.
 " " " James Fyfe, P. M.

No. 12.—ZETLAND.

R.: W.: Bro. Joseph Mitchell, P. M.
 M.: " " J. H. Graham, P. M.
 V.: " " P. A. Crossby, P. M.
 " " " Henry Dunn, P. M.
 R.: " " J. H. Isaacson, P. M.

No. 15.—ST. FRANCIS.

M.: W.: Bro. J. H. Graham, proxy and P. M.
 R.: " " T. Leet, P. M.
 " Thos. J. Maughan, S. W.

No. 16.—VICTORIA.

W.: Bro. S. Lebourveau, W. M.
 R.: " " E. S. Foss, P. M.
 " " T. W. Fuller, P. M.
 " " A. Sangster, P. M.
 " " S. J. Foss, P. M.
 " " G. H. Pressby, P. M.
 " " M. B. Schofield, P. M.
 " W. H. Whitely, S. W.
 " S. W. Jenks, J. W.

No. 18.—SHEFFORD.

R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson, P. M.
 " " Jno. P. Noyes, P. M.
 " " C. Skinner, P. M.
 " E. J. Raymond, S. W.

No. 19.—STANBRIDGE.

W.: Bro. J. A. Tree, W. M.
 R.: W.: " H. J. Blinn, P. M.
 " " A. M. Stone, P. M.

No. 20.—MONTREAL KILWINNING.

W.: Bro. T. W. Foster, W. M.
 R.: " " I. H. Stearns, P. M.
 " " " John Renshaw, P. M.
 " " " J. Smillie, P. M.
 V.: " " W. R. Cuthbert, P. M.

No. 25.—ROYAL ALBERT.

R.: W.: Bro. Thomas Simpson, P. M.
 " " J. C. Wilson, P. M.
 " " Angus Grant, P. M.

No. 27.—ST. JOHNS.

Bro. S. H. Perkins, S. W.

No. 28.—TUSCAN.

W.: Bro. L. Farmer, W. M.
 R.: " " Edson Fitch, P. M.
 " " " J. B. Charleson, P. M.
 " " " W. McConnell, J. W.

No. 30.—ASCOT.

W.: Bro. Jas. Addie, W. M.
 M.: " " J. H. Graham, P. M.
 R.: " " I. H. Stearns, P. M.
 " " " Arthur F. Simpson, P. M.
 " " " Alton Lindsay, P. M.
 " " " C. W. Clark, S. W.
 " " " Robert Burge, J. W.

No. 31.—ASHLAR.

W.: Bro. E. McKee, W. M.
 V.: " " George L. Pinkham, P. M.
 " " " Wright Sleeper, P. M.
 " " " A. Fuller, P. M.
 " " " C. A. Wheeler, S. W.
 " " " H. Smith, J. W.

No. 32.—MOUNT ROYAL.

W.: Bro. Arthur Jaques, P. M. and proxy.
 " " " David Seath, P. M.
 V.: " " F. Massey, P. M.
 " " " W. Simpson Walker, P. M.

No. 33.—FRELIGHTSBURG.

R.: W.: Bro. H. C. Blinn, P. M. and proxy.

No. 34.—DORIC.

W.: Bro. G. H. Carson, W. M.
 " " " A. E. Lee, P. M.
 R.: " " T. Leet, P. M.
 M.: " " John H. Graham, P. M.
 R.: " " I. H. Stearns, P. M.
 " " " W. W. Stockwell, S. W.
 " " " Lindsay Morell, J. W.

No. 35.—BROME LAKE.

W.: Bro. Chas. H. Tarbell, W. M.

No. 36.—CHATEAUGUAY.

R.: W.: Bro. I. H. Stearns, proxy.

No. 38.—MOUNT MORIAH.

R.: W.: Bro. A. G. Adams, P. M.

V.: " " Joseph Martin, P. M.

No. 39.—SUTTON.

W.: Bro. W. H. O'Regan, W. M.

" " G. E. Dyer, P. M.

No. 40.—PONTIAC.

R.: W.: Bro. A. Lyon, P. M. and proxy.

No. 41.—EDDY.

R.: W.: Bro. Thos. Darling, W. M.

" " " C. D. Chitty, P. M.

No. 44.—ST. CHARLES.

W.: Bro. Thos. Highmore, W. M.

No. 45.—CŒURS UNIS.

W.: Bro. Joseph Edmond, P. M. and proxy.

No. 49.—SHAWENEGAN.

W.: Bro. W. Bickerton Smith, W. M.

M.: " " Geo. O. Tyler, P. M. and proxy.

" " Alex. McKelvie, P. M.

No. 52.—PRINCE CONSORT.

W.: Bro. James Patterson, W. M.

V.: " " Wm. H. Whyte, P. M.

No. 53.—ST. ANDREWS.

W.: Bro. W. McLea Walbank, W. M.

V.: " " W. S. Evans, P. M. and proxy.

No. 54.—IONIC.

W.: Bro. J. Stewart, P. M. and proxy.

" " J. E. Hersey, P. M.

No. 55.—LAKE MAGOG.

W.: Bro. L. K. Drew, W. M.

No. 57.—HOCHELAGA.

W.: Bro. R. A. Kellond, W. M.

V.: " " D. Anderson, P. M.

" " J. W. Anderson, P. M.

No. 58.—MONTARVILLE.

W.: Bro. G. E. Nugent, W. M.

R.: " " J. Fred. Walker, P. M.

W.: Bro. A. W. Smith, P. M.
 " " C. P. O'Connor, J. W.

No. 59.—BEDFORD.

R.: W.: Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, P. M. and proxy.

No. 60.—RICHELIEU.

W.: Bro. E. D. Montgomery, W. M. and proxy.

No. 62.—CORINTHIAN.

W.: Bro. Chas. R. Willis, W. M.
 M.: " " John H. Graham, P. M.
 V.: " " Henry Dunn, P. M.

No. 63.—PRINCE OF WALES.

W.: Bro. Hunter Bradford, W. M.
 R.: " " Rev. C. P. Reid, P. M.
 " " " Gustavus Lucke, P. M.
 " " " Arthur F. Simpson, P. M.
 " " " Henry R. Fraser, J. W.

No. 64.—KING SOLOMON.

W.: Bro. W. Byrd, W. M.
 " " Charles Byrd, P. M.
 " " W. J. Leslie, P. M.

No. 64.—FRIENDSHIP.

W.: Bro. Henry Learned, P. M.
 R.: " " Arthur F. Simpson, P. M.
 " " C. F. Osgood, P. M.
 " " J. L. Wilford, S. W.

No. 65.—ARGENTEUIL.

R.: W.: Bro. Alex. Chrisholm, proxy.

By gracious permission of the M.: W.: the Grand Master, all Master Masors being in good standing were allowed to visit Grand Lodge during session.

The following order of business was adopted.

ORDER OF BUSINESS.

1. The Committee on Credentials will report Representatives and Delegates present entitled to take part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge.
2. Rules and Regulations for the Government of Grand Lodge during business will be read.

3. Reading of Minutes of last Annual Communication.
4. Receiving Representatives of foreign Grand Lodges.
5. Grand Master will deliver his address.
6. Grand Secretary's Report.
7. Grand Treasurer's Report.
8. Notices of Motions received.
9. Reports of. D. D. G. Masters read.
10. Election and appointment of Officers of Grand Lodge on first day of session at 8 p.m., and balloting for nominating Committee.
11. Report of Committee on Foreign Correspondence.
12. Reports from Standing Committees.
13. Reports of Special Committees.
14. Reports of Grand Representatives.
15. Discourse of Grand Chaplain.
16. To consider notice of R. W. Bro. J. B. Charleston :
 "That all the words in Art. 181, page 44, of Book of Constitution, after the word "rejection," in the fifth line be struck out."

Of W.: Bro. G. R. White :

"That paragraph 185, page 45, of the Book of Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking therefrom the words, 'and in every case the entire fee for the degrees shall accompany the application, else such application shall not be received,' and the following substituted : 'that the fee of at least five dollars shall accompany every application, else such application shall not be received.'"

Of V.: W.: Bro. E. T. D. Chambers :

"That it being expedient that the prohibition of dual membership by the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec be now revoked, so as to permit the weaker of the Lodges in this jurisdiction to accept an increase in numerical and financial strength from many members of other Lodges whose assistance they are now reluctantly compelled to decline, it is now therefore

"*Resolved*, (a) That Art. 191 of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Quebec be amended, by adding after the word 'dimit,' in the fourth and last line, the words 'or by a certificate showing that he is a member in good standing of some other Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Quebec.'

"(b) That Art. 252 be expunged from the Constitution.

"(c) That Art. 263 be amended by striking out the words 'by acquiring membership in another Lodge, and,' in the sixth line, and the word '5th' in the seventh line.

"(d) That form No. 6 (application for affiliation), on page 72 of the Constitution be amended, 1st, by adding after the word 'mason,' at the end of the fourth line, the words 'and member'; 2nd, by adding after the word 'standing' in the fifth line, the words 'of.....Lodge No.....on the..... of.....(or as the case may be.)"

Of V.: W.: Bro. H. D. Moore :

"That the masonic district of Bedford (as now existing) is much too large in its geographical area, for masonic uses and purposes, so much so

that it is found almost impossible for any brother, acting as District Deputy, to visit the different Lodges under his care and to perform the many duties attached to his office in a manner satisfactory to himself and to the interests of the craft; therefore said district shall be separated and divided into two masonic districts, the limits, boundaries and names of each to be fixed and defined during the present session of Grand Lodge."

17. Other business in order.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary read the rules and regulations for the government of Grand Lodge during its business.

MINUTES, ETC.

The minutes of the Emergent Communication of Grand Lodge, which was held on 6th June, A.D. 1883, A.L. 5883, at Coteau Landing, Q., were read and confirmed.

The R.: W.: Grand Secretary proceeded to read the minutes of the last Annual Communication held at the city of Quebec, when it was moved by V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by R.: W.: Timothy Leet:

"That the minutes of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge at its Thirteenth Annual Communication having been printed and distributed amongst the different subordinate lodges, they shall be considered as read, and they are hereby confirmed."

FOREIGN GRAND LODGES.

The following representatives of sister Grand Lodges appointed since the last Annual Meeting of Grand Lodge were introduced, and with other representatives of Foreign Grand Lodges then present, were received with grand honors, all taking seats on the dais, viz. :—

R.: W.: Bro. A. Chisholm, for G. L. of Illinois.

" " " E. S. Channel, for Iowa.

" " " A. G. Adams, for Spain.

" " " Revd. H. W. Nye, for Peru.

The following Grand Lodges were represented by their duly accredited representatives at this Grand Lodge :—

Alabama	By R.: W.: Bro. D. Thomas.
British Columbia	" V.: W.: Bro. D. Anderson.
California	" " " Edson Fitch.
Belgium	" R.: W.: " Rev. C. P. Reid.
Colorado	" V.: " " W. Simpson Walker.
Delaware	" M.: " " Geo. O. Tyler.
Georgia	" R.: " " James Addie.

Idaho.....	By R.: W.: Bro. John Renshaw.
Illinois	" " " " A. Chisholm.
Iowa.....	" V.: " " C. S. Channell.
Indian Territory	" V.: " " P. A. Crossby.
Kentucky	" R.: " " Joseph Mitchell.
Maine	" " " " J. H. Isaacson.
Maryland	" " " " J. Frederic Walker.
Minnesota	" " " " Thomas Simpson.
Mississippi	" " " " S. J. Foss.
Missouri	" " " " H. L. Robinson.
New Hampshire.....	" " " " I. H. Stearns.
Oregon.....	" V.: " " W. S. Evans.
Peru	" R.: " " H. W. Nye.
Rhode Island	" V.: " " F. Massey.
South Carolina	" " " " Chas. Knowles.
Spain	" R.: " " A. G. Adams.
Tennessee	" " " " J. B. Charleson.
Utah.....	" " " " Timothy Leet.
Virginia ...	" V.: " " W. Simpson Walker.
Wisconsin	" R.: " " Arthur F. Simpson.
Wyoming	" V.: " " W. Simpson Walker.

Letters were read from Grand Master of The Grand Lodge of Canada, and P.: G.: M.: of Grand Lodge of Maine, of which the following are true copies:—

Grand Lodge of Canada, A. F. & A. M.,

Office of the Grand Master,

BARRIE, Ont., 10th January, 1884.

MY DEAR SIR AND M.: W.: BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your very kind invitation of the 5th ult. to be present at the next Annual Communication of your Grand Lodge to be held at Sherbrooke, on the 30th inst., and regret exceedingly my inability to enjoy, what to me, would be a very great pleasure. I have the date in my diary, since I saw R.: W.: Bro. Stearnes in Hamilton some months ago, and had mapped out for myself the enjoyment of a few days in the company of brethren whom I highly esteem, in participating in the assemblage of a Grand Lodge, for which I have never held a wavering or half-hearted support. In days gone by, when the clouds were darker than they are to-day, with a few others, I did not fear to defend your righteous cause, and now when a common aggression is at the doors of both our Grand Lodges, there should be unity, with mutual defence and protection in boldly asserting our rights.

Unfortunately I am just recovering from a bilious cold and ulcerated throat, and my physician positively forbids me travelling. I am terribly disappointed, but my best wishes will be with you.

I am,

My dear Sir and M.: W.: Bro.,

Yours faithfully and fraternally,

DANIEL SPRY,

G. M. G.L.C.

E. R. JOHNSON, Esq.,

Grand Master of Quebec, Stanstead.

PORTLAND, Maine, January 24, 1884.

MY VERY DEAR BROTHER,—I am in receipt of your fraternal favor of yesterday inviting me to attend the session of your Grand Lodge as its guest next Wednesday.

It would give me very great pleasure to accept the invitation with which you honor me, but a professional engagement in the Supreme Court at Washington will probably take me there on the very day of your session.

It always gives me pleasure to meet my brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, but if I *could* be there, I should hold it to be my duty this year to give you whatever support my presence would afford against the most unwarrantable and unfraternal attack upon your sovereignty. But I am the less grieved at my inability to be present, because I have the most perfect confidence that the prudent wisdom that has heretofore guided your action will still be exercised. You will have my hearty sympathy and warmest wishes.

Moreover, I have faith, that knows no doubt, that you will be victorious; for is not Masonry the pursuit of truth, and will not truth prevail?

Return my sincere thanks to the M.: W.: Grand Master for his kindly remembrance of me, and accept the same for yourself for the complimentary manner in which you have carried out his directions.

Yours fraternally,

JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND.

JOHN H. ISAACSON, Esq.,

Grand Secretary, &c.

Letters were also received from M.: W.: Bro. Col. McLeod Moore, P.: G.: M.:; R.: W.: Bro. Kennedy, D.: D.: G.: M.:; R.: W.: Bro. Wood, D.: D.: G.: M.:; Thos. P. Butler, P.: D.: G.: M.:; R.: W.: Bro. Rev. M. M. Fothergill, G.: Chaplain; R.: W.: Bro. J. Shaw, P.: G.: J.: W.:; and R.: W.: Bro. Robert Ramsay, stating

their inability to attend the present meeting of Grand Lodge and expressing their expectation and hope that the deliberations of Grand Lodge would be harmonious, tending to the welfare of the Craft throughout the Province.

All the above communications were ordered to be placed on fyle.
At 1.30 P.M. Grand Lodge was called from labor to refreshment.

John H. Cleason
Grand Secy
G. L. of L.

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Grand
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AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Grand Lodge resumed labour at 2.30 P.M. this 30th day of January, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5834, the M.: W.: the Grand Master on the Throne.

The M.: W.: the Grand Master delivered the following address which received the earnest and wrapt attention of all members of Grand Lodge and visitors.

GRAND MASTER'S ADDRESS.

BRETHREN IN GRAND LODGE ASSEMBLED :

You have in due course been summoned to leave your avocations, to lay aside your ordinary work, to assemble in Council to review the past, consider the present and legislate for the future. The fourteenth year of our existence as a Grand Body is finished. The record is complete. The book closed. All our errors of omission and commission are there recorded. Likewise are our deeds of charity, love and kindness made mention of. The volume is consigned to the archives of history, and will outlast the heavens and the earth. A new book is now opened and placed before us ; its pages are white, pure and unsoiled. It is the volume of 1884, or with us volume fifteen. We hear the command write, and we must write therein, and every thought, word and act is going down. May we not venture the hope that when it too shall become historic, and find its place on the shelves of time alongside its predecessors, it may exhibit fewer torn pages, fewer blots and erasures. To that end has our esteemed Chaplain invoked the Divine aid: Thankful we are to the "Giver of all good" that He has brought us together at this time under circumstances so favorable.

I notice with much pleasure the presence to-day of several brethren who were gathered together on the 20th day of October, 1869, in "an upper room" in the city of Montreal, for the purpose of organizing this Grand Lodge. That was an eventful moment in their Masonic lives. Many of them have been in attendance upon each annual Convocation from that time to the present. Still true, faithful and loyal in their allegiance. Still prepared I trust to do battle for the cause they then so zealously espoused. Still prepared to defend the territory of this Grand Lodge against all invaders and usurpers.

Some who were with us on that memorable occasion have "passed beyond." They died not without hope that their fond desires would be realized at an early day. God grant they may be.

For the first time we meet in the young, flourishing and prosperous city of Sherbrooke; the metropolis of the Eastern Townships. We view with pride the rapid strides this place has made within the last few years. We note with satisfaction the fact that foremost in the front ranks of her eminent citizens, in the learned professions, and in all the walks of life, stand members of our cherished fraternity. Sherbrooke welcomes us here. May our presence prove beneficial. Happy are we to know that the life of our beloved Queen has been precious in His sight during the past year. Long may she live to be the Patroness of our order in England. The re-election of His Royal Highness the Prince of Wales to the Grand Mastership of the Grand Lodge of England, gives us great encouragement.

"Their tributes other Queens have laid
Upon the land and sea;
But never earthly monarch swayed
So many hearts as she.

And for her truly gallant heir,
A kindred love prevails;
God, hear a nation's fervent prayer,
God bless the Prince of Wales."

AT REST.

During the past year "the last enemy" has made inroads in our ranks. Many brethren have fallen beneath his thrusts. One by one we have laid them aside. May the thought that the time will come, sooner or later, when we, too, shall be summoned into "the eternal presence" make us more diligent and faithful in the discharge of our high Masonic trusts. It is my sad duty to inform you that on the 3rd day of June last I received intelligence of the death of our late M. W. Bro. W. B. Simpson, P. G. M. of G. L. of Canada. A desire was expressed that his funeral services should be conducted by G. L. of Quebec. I immediately instructed our Grand Secretary to summon G. L. for the purpose. Our departed brother was made a Freemason in Sussex Lodge, Brockville, on the 2nd March, 1853, being thirty-five years of age. He entered upon the work with enthusiasm and energy. He brought to the Craft a bright intellect and matured judgment. He soon saw the advisability and necessity of forming a G. L. in Canada. The interests of the Craft required it. To this end a preliminary meeting was held at Niagara Falls in July, 1855, at which he was present and took an active part. At his suggestion a

convention was called at Hamilton on the 10th October, 1855, which resulted in the formation of a Grand Lodge. He was elected D. D. G. M. for one of the most important districts. In 1860 he was elected D. G. M. On the 15th July, 1864, he was elected G. M., which high office he ably filled during the following two years. Although devoting much time to Craft Masonry, he still found opportunity to advance to the higher walks of Masonic life. As a brother he was esteemed. As a public official he was respected. On the morning of the 6th day of June Grand Lodge, accompanied by M. W. Bro. Col. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M. of G. L. Canada, M. W. Bro. Col. McLeod Moore, Grand Prior of the Grand Priory of Canada, and P. G. M. Col. Hutton, 33°, C. G. Geddes, 32°, H. S. Evans, 32°, W. S. Walker, 32°, together with a large number of G. L. officers and brethren, proceeded from Montreal to Homewood, Coteau Landing, the ancestral residence of our late lamented brother. We were met there by R. W. Bro. W. L. Hamilton, D. D. G. M. of Prince Edward District, Canada, and R. W. Bro. George M. Wilkenson, P. D. D. G. M. of Ancient St. John, a lodge with which our deceased brother was at one time connected. Being a member of the Church of England, the beautifully impressive service of that Church was read by His Lordship the Bishop of Ontario, assisted by the Rev. L. A. Young. A large and mournful concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place. The band of the 1st Prince of Wales Rifles, playing the Dead March in Saul, preceded the band of faithful brethren in that melancholy march from that small country church to the lonely country graveyard. M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, representing the G. L. of Canada, ably assisted me in the service at the grave. We surrounded the mortal remains of our lamented brother, and deposited the sprig of evergreen, emblematical of that immortality which, we trust, his soul has entered upon. And amid the singing of spring birds, the bursting of buds, the blossoming of early flowers, beneath a grand old oak, with the wind sighing through the branches of the Balm of Gilead, and beside the River St. Lawrence, whose waters he loved so well, we left our brother at rest, awaiting the coronation day.

Another, too, has passed into the valley and under the shadow, one who was eminently serviceable to the Craft at the time of the inception and organization of this G. L. I find that R. W. Bro. Borlase was, under the G. L. of Canada, D. D. G. M. for the Eastern Townships District. His name appears appended to a circular addressed to all the lodges in the Eastern Townships and Quebec Districts, calling a convention to be held in Montreal, to take into consideration the state of Masonry in the Province of Quebec. This bears date July, 1868. He presided at that very important meeting. He witnessed the consummation of his efforts in the formation of this Grand Lodge on the 20th October, 1869. He has

left his impress on a very interesting page of Masonic history. Peace be to his ashes; rest to his weary soul.

Eminent and esteemed brethren in other jurisdictions have been called to lay aside their working tools. We mourn their loss and sympathise with the bereaved. But, having confidence in one of the cardinal tenets of our faith, we believe that the time will come when He, our elder Brother, who raised His voice at the grave of His friend, will again speak, and call earth's true, tried and faithful ones from the domains of death to a glorious immortality and eternal life.

CHARITY AND BENEVOLENCE.

"To feed the hungry, clothe the naked, and bind up the wounds of the afflicted" is part of the mission of Masonry in this world of ours. Identified this institution in the past has been with deeds of mercy, acts of love and kindness. Its characteristics in this respect must never be lost sight of. Our charities, since formation, have not been ostentatious, and the outside world may have known little of them. Yet many hearts have been cheered; many a widow and many an orphan has been encouraged by what we have done. At present an asylum or school may not be within our reach. Still it is our duty to look forward to the accomplishment of so desirable a result. To this end, let there be a united effort. I would suggest that the D. D. G. Masters take the matter in hand in their respective districts, and make a special appeal to each lodge to set apart a percentage of its revenue to aid in this enterprise. My brethren, no prouder laurels will ever be worn by you, than will be, should you accomplish this purpose.

During the past year I have been much interested in reading the reports of the different Grand Lodges, and no feature has attracted my attention more than the work that is being done in this direction. If the amount that is annually distributed for educational, benevolent and charitable purposes by the fraternity at large could be ascertained, it would surprise all. I undertook the same but had not time to complete it. Here is a field for some diligent brother to labor in.

England's benevolent fund is £50,000, with an annual income of about £8000. Her charities amount to as much more. Our noble Queen deems it not beneath Her high station to be the Patroness of the Royal Masonic Institution for Boys.

The Grand Lodge of Canada donated for charitable and benevolent purposes from 1876 to 1882 inclusive, the sum of \$71,296.52. Who shall say that her mission in Ontario is not for good. This G. L. sent \$800 to the sufferers by the Chicago fire. Upwards of \$500 was forwarded to St. John, New Brunswick, at the time of the disastrous fire in that city, by

the Masons of this Province. In 1881 a cry for aid went forth to the world from the burnt districts of the State of Michigan. Families were homeless and much distress prevailed. In a short space of time Freemasons contributed upwards of \$23,836 to relieve the suffering. This money was distributed without regard to nationality or creed. It was not confined to members of the fraternity. It went where it would do the most good.

"BY THEIR FRUITS YE SHALL KNOW THEM."

Before that tribunal Freemasonry is prepared to be arraigned. At that bar, we, my brethren, must stand or fall. Degrees, titles or professions will not save us or the craft.

GRAND LODGE OF CANADA.

It was my privilege to attend the 28th Annual Communication of that Grand Body in the month of July last, accompanied by the M. W. Bro. Graham, P. G. M., M. W. Bro. Tyler, P. G. M., M. W., W. J. B. McLeod Moore, Grand Prior and P. G. M., together with several officers and past officers of this Grand Lodge. We were received in the most courteous, friendly and fraternal manner. The event will ever be remembered.

We found in convention there upwards of four hundred and fifty delegates, representing three hundred and ninety-nine private lodges, with two under dispensation. Her charity and benevolent work is deserving of emulation. During the past year a very worthy brother, J. Ross Robertson, has erected on the Island, opposite Toronto, a building to be called "Lakeside Home for Little Children," into which children of members of the Masonic fraternity must be admitted.

Will not some brother in this jurisdiction be impressed with a like generously Masonic spirit, and go and do likewise? We take pride in Her prosperity. The most intimate relations exist between us. Such is the case, notwithstanding the fact, that there is within the territory of this G. L. a body of Freemasons, that has received within its portals and made a mason, a man who had previously been blackballed in a lodge in Toronto. This G. L. has been and is powerless to prevent such unseemly and unmasonic conduct. How soon will there be a repetition of this act, and another friendly Grand Lodge be attacked in the same way? How long, my brethren, shall the territory of this Grand Lodge continue to be the recruiting ground of another Grand Body? England defended her private lodge in the course she pursued, and still sustains her.

DISPENSATIONS.

These have mostly been required for the wearing of regalia on festive occasions and attending church. There is an increased tendency among

our Lodges to attend Divine service as a body once at least during the year. I would commend this custom to all. For good reasons given and endorsed by the D. D. G. M., I granted dispensation to make, pass and raise a candidate in less time than is required by the Constitution. I did this reluctantly, believing that the G. M.'s prerogative should be exercised with much caution and prudence. The written law must only be departed from in cases of emergency.

AMALGAMATIONS.

Recently Antiquity number 1 and Victoria number 26 have amalgamated, the new lodge retaining Antiquity's charter, name and number. Have no doubt but what good will result from this union. A strong, healthy and vigorous lodge will be formed. It is possible the example thus set may with advantage be followed by others.

BY-LAWS.

During the past year the By-laws of a number of lodges have been submitted to me for approval. This has been occasioned by reason of our new Constitution differing in some important features from the old. Doubtless many other lodges require to take the same action.

RENUMBERING OF LODGES.

Consequent on the placing of Elgin, King Solomon and Argyle on our register, the re-numbering of the Lodges became a necessity. To effect this a committee was named at the last communication, which will report at the present.

I have no doubt but what their labors will prove satisfactory. It is the second time this work has been done, still we find lodges numbering 440, 640 and 374 within our jurisdiction. We have but sixty-seven all told. Sister Grand Lodges will fully comprehend the situation when I inform them that the initials E. R. follow the above named numbers. The present committee will doubtless be discharged, though this work remains incomplete.

MISSISQUOI PARK.

This beautiful spot, on the shores of Lake Champlain, was again visited by our brethren, accompanied by their wives, daughters and lady friends, from Montreal and Bedford Districts. I was with them on the occasion. This place is beyond our jurisdiction, but our friends in Vermont, of whom we met many, did not raise the question. Our occupation was temporary, and we sought not recruits. The morning was overcast, and at mid-day dark clouds rolled up from the lake. The rain came down in torrents, much to the discomfort of all. After lunch we assembled beneath

a large awning, where addresses were delivered by M. W. Bro. Thos. White, M.P., P. G. M., your own Grand Master, R. W. Bro. Isaacson, and other brethren. The day, though unpropitious, was much enjoyed.

FREELIGHTSBURGH.

I was with the brethren in this locality for "a day out" on the 25th of June. It was in this village where a few years ago G. L. laid the corner stone of a church edifice. That church is now completed. Our predecessors were characterized as builders. We, too, are erecting monuments which will abide when marble shall crumble and brass pass away. Let us then see well to our work. On this occasion a large number gathered in a beautiful grove for a basket pic-nic. Games and sports formed part of the day's amusement. All were on pleasure intent. Addresses were delivered by R. W. Bro. Nye, the G. M., and several others.

MOUNT ORFORD.

This Lodge, as is her custom, held her Mid-Summer Festival on the shores of the far-famed Lake Memphremagog, beneath the shadow of the mountains. I cannot too highly, my brethren, commend these social reunions, and never neglect to take with you, your wife, your sisters, your daughters, or some brother's sister. Our lady friends can be of incalculable assistance to us in our work. What a source of strength they would be if identified with us in our charity and benevolent undertakings. Masonry is for them, as well as for ourselves.

TEMPERANCE.

This is an age when strenuous efforts are being put forth by good men and true, in the church and out of it, to stay the tide of intemperance, which like a wild wave has so long rolled over our country. In this good work, my brethren, we must not be backward. By precept and by example let it appear that we are engaged in it. It is a tenet of our faith. I call your earnest attention to the same.

VISITATIONS.

These have not been as frequent as I anticipated at the commencement of the year. Several Lodges in Montreal and in the Townships have, however, been visited. I have to thank the brethren for the universal courtesy and kindness with which they met me. The District Deputies too, were most assiduous in their attentions. I have found harmony prevailing. The brethren recognizing the golden cord by which they are bound. Prosperity has attended them. I believe the work done has been in excess of former years. Still, I would remind you that our

strength rests not wholly in a large membership. That is desirable, but excellence is more so. Guard well the outer door. See that none enter except such as are well qualified. Has the petitioner the requisites in body, heart, soul and intellect to make him a true and faithful worker among us? If so, admit him; we care not for his ancestry, so be that he is free born. The semi-fossilism of an age that enquired had he a grandfather, is passing away.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

Owing to the decease of R. W. Bro. Borlase, the office of Grand Representative of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, near this Grand Lodge, became vacant; I suggested R. W. Bro. Alexander Chisholm as his successor.

The Grand Lodge of Iowa having adopted the three year term as the tenure of office of its Grand Representatives near other Grand Bodies, the office of R. W. Bro. Samuel Johnson became vacant. I nominated W. Bro. H. E. Channell, of Golden Rule, as his successor. I received a communication from Grand Lodge of Greece, asking in the most courteous language for the exchange of Grand Representatives with this Grand Lodge. This has been done.

NEW GRAND LODGES.

The Grand Lodge of New South Wales was founded in 1877, since which time she has been seeking recognition. Her efforts have been very successful. At the last Communication of Grand Lodge of Canada a hearty welcome was extended to her. She has, I understand, a majority of private lodges of the Scotch and Irish Registers with her, but not of the English Register. The concurrent jurisdiction of three, and now four, Grand Lodges in that colony, must prove anything but advantageous to the Craft.

VICTORIA.

This far off sister colony is struggling for Masonic Independence. On the second day of July last, a Grand Lodge was organized at Melbourne. It is sustained by a number of private lodges, though not a majority. Here also are found lodges under the English, Scotch and Irish constitutions. A few Grand Bodies have recognised this Grand Lodge.

I submit both cases for your consideration.

RELATIONS WITH ENGLAND.

I approach this portion of my address reluctantly but fearlessly. Reluctantly, because the question is of such vital importance to this Grand Lodge, and in its solution fond ties may be severed and hearts made sad. My views and expressions will be sharply criticized. Comment and discussion will ensue throughout the entire Masonic world.

Many an anxious eye is even now turned towards us. Fearlessly, because I am conscious of the rectitude of our cause and the strength of our position. Confidently we will appeal to that great tribunal, the court of *dernier resort*, the Grand Lodges of the world, and patiently await the verdict. I wish to call your attention to a few circumstances connected with this G. L. from the time of its inauguration down to the present, to trace its struggle for the principle of Masonic supremacy during the years of its existence. I shall do so but briefly, as they have been so often before you that you are familiar therewith, though, it is possible some of the younger brethren may not be quite conversant with the same. It was fourteen years ago last October since this G. L. was formed. At that time the Grand Lodges of England, Scotland and Canada were in possession of this territory, and had private lodges herein. One of the fundamental principles enunciated at that time was sovereign, independent and exclusive jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec. It was the key note in our appeal for recognition to sister Grand Lodges. It was the corner stone of our whole superstructure. Within one year from that time we were welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Lodges by nine Grand Bodies, stretching from Maine to Nevada, including the Province of Nova Scotia. At the first meeting of this G. L., I find the then G. M., M. W. Bro. Graham, giving utterance to the following sentiment: "Having duly confirmed the minutes of the Convention of Lodges that formed this, the Grand Lodge of the Province of Quebec, and having solemnly ratified and adopted all acts and proceedings had at its organization, it is now fitting and desirable, and in accordance with the general custom of the Craft under similar circumstances, that this G. L. declare its sovereign independence and its right to undivided supremacy and to the exclusive Masonic jurisdiction within the Province of Quebec." During the following year thirteen more Grand Lodges extended to us a most cordial recognition, making twenty-two in all. In M. W. Bro. Graham's second annual address he lays down the following fundamental principle: "In every distinct territory having a Legislature of its own, there exists the Masonic right to found an independent sovereign Grand Lodge. The consent of any mother G. L., however desirable, is not essential or necessary. Nor can any G. L. constitutionally interfere with or in any way rightfully hinder private lodges in the exercise of their inherent right to form a G. L. of their own in such legislatively distinct territory, no matter what prior authority she may have exercised over them. A Grand Lodge thus formed in unoccupied or dissevered territory possesses the inalienable right of exclusive jurisdiction over all symbolical lodges of Freemasons within such territory." At this communication the following resolution was passed by a majority of forty-three votes: "That the Grand Master be authorized to proclaim at any

"time before the next annual communication of this Grand Lodge, as
 "may seem best to him, non-intercourse with any lodge or pretended
 "lodge in this jurisdiction that persistently refuses to recognize the
 "supremacy of this Grand Lodge." In 1872 the same eminent Grand
 Master announced to G. L. that we were in fraternal communication with
 thirty-one Grand Lodges. It was during this year that the correspon-
 dence between the G. L. of England, then presided over by His Lordship
 the Marquis of Ripon, and ourselves commenced. In the month of June
 of that year a copy of the foregoing resolution was forwarded that Grand
 Body. On the 29th August following a reply was received thereto through
 R. W. the Hon. W. Badgley, of Montreal, enclosing an extract from a letter
 received by him from the M. W. the G. M. of England. The defence put
 forth by His Lordship at that time on behalf of the G. L. of England
 consisted chiefly in an allusion to an agreement entered into between the
 G. L. of England and G. L. of Canada at the time of the recognition of
 the latter by the former, namely: "That it was agreed that all such
 "lodges as desired to remain under the English constitution were at
 "liberty to do so, and that all their rights and privileges were to be
 "retained, but no other warrants would be issued by the G. L. of
 "England to lodges in Canada." The answer to this plea is, that since
 that unfortunate article in the treaty between the G. L. of England and
 the G. L. of Canada was agreed to, British North America has undergone
 radical political changes. The Province of Canada, which existed at that
 time, and was the territory of G. L. of Canada, is now no more. In its
 place stand the Provinces of Quebec and Ontario, with separate and
 distinct legislative governing bodies. The lines dividing the same are as
 well defined as are those dividing the States of Vermont and New Hamp-
 shire. A new order of things has arisen. A new system of government,
 to a great extent, has been introduced. A Dominion has been constituted
 composed of Provinces *quoad*, each to the other separate and distinct.

Under the application of the territorial principle, the Quebec Grand
 Lodge was formed and took possession of her legitimate territory. Such
 formation and subsequent recognition by the Mother Grand Lodge, Can-
 ada, vested in her all the transmissible rights of that Mother Grand
 Lodge to the extent of transferring to this Grand Lodge, all Master
 Masons subject to her previous to our creation, all her lodges and our
 share in the common fund; and it went further. Masonic law as to juris-
 diction because at once applicable, and this Grand Lodge became the sole
 Masonic power in this Province. It was on the part of the Grand Lodge
 of Canada an absolute assignment of all her territorial rights in this Pro-
 vince in favor of this Grand Lodge, which thereby became seized thereof
 and concurrently with the application of the principle before mentioned,
 which at once operated in our favor, made this Grand Lodge the possessor
 of the territory of Quebec, to the exclusion of any other Masonic body.

We thereby became *de facto* the peer of sister Grand Lodges, clothed with the same powers, and possessing the same rights. No continuing reservation was stipulated in the act of recognition in favor of foreign lodges, and even had there been, it is my opinion, that so soon as it became apparent that such stipulation was detrimental to craft Masonry in the Province, such foreign lodges could be invited to withdraw, failing which, resort could be had to the usual Masonic practices to remedy the wrong.

During this year, the Grand Lodge of Louisiana recognised this Grand Lodge in the following terms: "That this Grand Lodge of Louisiana recognises the Grand Lodge of Quebec as a just and legally constituted Grand Lodge. And as such is entitled to sole and exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in and over the Province of Quebec, and hereby extends to her a cordial welcome unto the family of Grand Lodges."

Our Fourth Annual Report discloses the fact that we had established fraternal relations with thirty-six Grand Lodges, which comprised nearly all the Masonic Grand Bodies on this continent, and some in Europe. The doctrine of Grand Lodge Sovereignty is prominently brought to the front in the proceedings.

1874.

This year was made memorable by the withdrawal of Grand Lodge of Canada from this Province, and the uniting of her private lodges with this Grand Lodge. This happy event was the occasion of much congratulation. Since that time these two Grand Bodies have maintained the utmost cordial and fraternal relationship, each toward the other. At the Annual Communication of this year an earnest desire was expressed for the early adjustment of the difficulties between England, Scotland and ourselves.

1875.

M. W. Bro. Dunbar announced in his address that forty-three Grand Lodges had acknowledged this Grand Lodge as the sovereign Masonic authority in and for the Province of Quebec. Among these was the honored Grand Lodge of Ireland. He also communicated the intelligence that England had offered recognition on terms similar to those upon which she had recognized the Grand Lodge of Canada, as stated heretofore. He referred this important matter to the Grand Lodge for its "careful consideration." After much discussion, the following resolution was passed by a vote of eighty-four against seven:

"That the consideration of the acceptance by this Grand Lodge of recognition by the Grand Lodge of England, in the terms proposed by the latter, as set forth in the address of the M. W. the Grand Master, be postponed until the next Communication of this Grand Lodge, and that a committee be appointed by the M. W. the Grand Master to confer with Lodges now existing in this Province under warrants from other juris-

"dictionaries, with a view to effect, if possible, the amicable junction of said Lodges with this Grand Lodge, and that said committee report progress to the M. W. the Grand Master, from time to time, in order that such report may be submitted for the consideration of this Grand Lodge, whose decision only in the matter shall be final."

1876.

Again M. W. Bro. J. H. Graham, presided in the Grand East. We learn that he appointed a Committee in accordance with the foregoing resolution, "He exceedingly regretted to report that no conference had been had, chiefly on account of the non-co-operation of the said private lodges," to wit: St. Lawrence, St. Paul, St. George and Elgin. I would recommend brethren to read the correspondence had at that time on this subject. He again declared "That the exclusive sovereignty of each Grand Lodge within its own territory must be maintained. It is the foundation and keystone of our Grand Lodge existence, and the principal source of our unity, harmony and prosperity. For many obvious and important reasons he could not recommend the acceptance by Grand Lodge of the conditional recognitions proffered by the Grand Lodge of England." This view was endorsed by the Board of general purposes. The report declares that we had received recognition from forty-two Grand Bodies.

1877.

M. W. Bro. Dunbar again presided. He conveyed the gratifying intelligence "That the Grand Lodge of Scotland had opened fraternal communication, and had exchanged Grand Representatives with this Grand Lodge." This gave great pleasure to the fraternity. It was thought another foreign element had been removed from our midst. That the goal of Independence and Sovereignty was almost within our grasp. Vain hope.

1878.

This Masonic year, that dawned so auspiciously, closed amid confusion. During this period the Grand Lodge of Scotland withdrew her recognition and recalled her commission to her Grand Representative here. Not satisfied with this she granted charters to form two new lodges within the limits of this Province. The then G. M. M. W. Bro. Tait, "Lost no time in issuing a proclamation declaring such action on part of Grand Lodge of Scotland as an unjustifiable and unlawful invasion of the territory and jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, declaring the warrants irregular and suspending intercourse between this Grand Lodge and all in obedience thereto, and the G. L. of Scotland and all in obedience thereto." G. M. Tait, continuing his very able address, says:

"Brethren, not only does the question of the recent action of the Grand Lodge of Scotland now come before you for your consideration, but it seems to me a fitting time has arrived to consider generally your relations to those foreign Grand Lodges which had, at the formation of our Grand Lodge, and still have, subordinate lodges in our jurisdiction working under them, as well as these subordinate lodges themselves.

"Brethren, you have seriously to consider if patient protest against this state of things may not pass into tacit acquiescence. I leave the whole matter in your hands, believing that you will give the subject that consideration it deserves, and take only such steps as will advance the interests of Masonry in general, and this Grand Lodge in particular."

The Board of General purposes, in reporting on the G. M. address, used the following strong language:

"Under these circumstances—under this great provocation—all its offers of fraternal intercourse and protection to these foreign lodges, which existed here prior to the recent action of the G. L. of Scotland, having been rejected—it is surely time for this Grand Lodge, if it desires to maintain the respect of the Craft throughout the world, the esteem of its sister Grand Lodges, and the support and obedience of its own brethren, to assert and maintain the authority and discipline with which, as a Grand Lodge, it has been intrusted, and to proclaim and enforce, as far as possible, by all proper and lawful means, that no lodge of Freemasons shall exist in the Province of Quebec which shall not own allegiance to the M. W. Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Quebec—obey the laws made by it for the government of lodges and members of lodges—and contribute its portion to the support of this Grand Lodge and the relief of distressed brethren, whether of our own jurisdiction, or who, coming from other countries, may be here in want and distress—and that all lodges not acknowledging this allegiance, and giving this support and obedience to the Grand Lodge of Quebec, shall be declared irregular and illegal lodges, no matter by what authority they may assume to act."

The following resolution, moved by our late lamented W. B. Simpson, seconded by M. W. Bro. Dunbar, was passed:

"*Resolved*,—That the M. W. the Grand Master be and is hereby earnestly requested and authorized, either by personal interview or by the appointment of a delegate to the Grand Lodge of England, to endeavor to secure a speedy and amicable solution of all pending difficulties between the two Grand Lodges, and that the M. W. the Grand Master do report the result of this mission."

1879.

M. W. Bro. Tait again Grand Master. The committee referred to above was named by the G. M. Circumstances prevented the members thereof from going to England, as was anticipated. From the reports of different Grand Lodges, it appeared that the Grand Master was fully sustained in the issuing of his proclamation regarding the Scottish invasion.

1880.

Again M. W. Bro. Graham presided over the deliberations of this Grand Lodge. Under the head of "England and Scotland," he expressed strong hope "That in the then immediate future he would be able "to communicate to G. L. a happy settlement of all our difficulties. "Correspondence and events strengthened his expectations." "But," he went on to say, "should it be that these seemingly well-grounded "anticipations of a peaceful, honorable and constitutional adjustment of "these unhappy international differences be not soon realized, the Grand "Lodge of Quebec will be fully prepared for any other emergency which "may unhappily arise; and, in case it is unfortunately required (which "we fervently trust may not be), there will be in readiness to submit, for "approval of Grand Lodge, at an Emergent Communication, if need be, "such a course of action as, I believe, will be strictly warranted by the "constitutions and ancient practices of the Fraternity; and will, in my "opinion, be generally sanctioned and sustained by the Craft, as "Quebec" "has hitherto been by nearly all the regular sister Grand Lodges of the "world."

At this time we were in fraternal intercourse with sixty Grand Lodges.

1881.

During this year the three Lodges under the Scotch registers (Elgin, King Solomon and Argyle) surrendered their charters and united with us. A happy consummation of the earnest and devoted labors of faithful brethren whose names will long be remembered. There then remained the three lodges under English Register, standing a barrier to our supreme exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in this Province. To attain this end, so fervently desired in the interest of this Grand Lodge and of the Craft at large, M. W. Bro. Graham brought the full force of his Masonic wisdom, his great abilities and untiring zeal and earnestness. The correspondence with the Grand Lodge of England was renewed, Grand Master Graham addressing himself directly to His Royal Highness the G. M. of England, and in a series of letters that stand unexcelled in Masonic literature, assailed and carried every stronghold and barrier erected by that Grand Body. He corrected mistakes made by its Grand Secretary, shewed the

errors into which he had fallen. Proved most conclusively that England had not so thorough a knowledge of Masonic matters on this continent as she might have.

From constitutional precedents derived even from the records of Grand Lodges of England and Scotland, from the jurisdictions of other portions of the Old World, as well as the new, he established beyond a doubt that we were, and are, entitled to have and maintain exclusive Masonic jurisdiction in this Province. He urged the expediency, in the interests of the Craft here and elsewhere, "That England either recall "and cancel the warrants of these three lodges, or that they become of "obedience to the G. L. of Quebec. That the joint occupancy of this "territory by two Grand Bodies was tending to produce much uneasiness, discord and confusion among the Craft." No more earnest and forcible language could have been used, yet all in the most fraternal spirit. But what availed the argument, the protest and almost pleading? The Grand Secretary of that Grand Lodge, in reply to one of the above mentioned letters, said: "With reference to the points once more urged "in your letter on the subject of the English lodges by you, H. R. H. our "Grand Master can only again express his regret that he cannot comply "with your wishes." Another communication was addressed to His Royal Highness under date of June 14, 1881. This received a brief fraternal reply. The ultimatum had been given. The correspondence closed. Further representations and appeals would be of no avail.

At the last communication of this G. L. held in the city of Quebec, the M. W. the then G. M. in a masterly and most exhaustive manner set forth our cause and pretensions. Yet, no relief is afforded, aggressions are more frequent and of a more virulent nature. In the address delivered on that occasion we find the following:

"Frequent and continued violations with seeming intent and avidity, "of fundamental laws governing the craft here, such as the acceptance of "material rejected by Quebec lodges, and the like irregularities, and with "which probably no other Grand Lodge would have borne with as long "as the Grand Lodge of Quebec has; and thus the circumstances have "been increasingly aggravated, and have thereby put a still greater "strain upon the forbearance of this Grand Lodge."

I have thus endeavored to follow the principle of exclusive jurisdiction as understood by this G. L. from the time of its formation until I was called upon to preside over its deliberations and measurably guide its destinies. Another year has passed, and I fear the breach is wider to-day than it was. The happy realization of our fond hopes, labors and efforts, seems indefinitely deferred. If we may judge from the tone of the public press, a most deplorable state of affairs exists in masonic circles in

this Province, and all arising out of England's determination to maintain her position, or rather perhaps the determination of these three private lodges to continue with that Grand Body and bid defiance to the only legally constituted Masonic authority now existing in this Province. England has recognized Grand Lodges who, in their turn, have recognized us. They Her peer, We Their peer, and yet not Her peer.

In recognizing the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, the Grand Lodge of England used the following language, sentiments so inconsistent with her present attitude toward us: "Having perused your book of Constitutions, we reflect with pleasure that the Grand Lodge of England has given birth to a Grand Lodge in the Western World, whose strict adherence to the ancient and immutable landmarks of our Order reflects honor on its original founders. We conceive that in constituting your Grand Lodge we necessarily communicated to it the same independent Masonic authority within your jurisdiction which we ourselves possessed within ours; amenable to no superior jurisdiction under Heaven, and subject only to the immutable landmarks of the Order. All Grand Lodges in Masonry being necessarily free, independent and equipollent within their respective jurisdictions, which consequently excludes the idea of subjection to any foreign authority, or the establishment of an *imperium in imperio*."

She, to whom we are bound by so many ties, refuses to do for us that which she has done for the stranger. The question now comes with increased force, shall this state of affairs longer continue? Shall we tamely and quietly submit to have our rights trespassed on and our territory occupied by others? Shall we content ourselves with the delusive declaration that we are a sovereign grand body? With all due deference to that Mother Grand Lodge whom we love so much, and of whose ancestry, benevolence, renown and glory we are so proud, I unhesitatingly answer no! The time for action has arrived. I fear a longer submission will tarnish our fair name and record with those sixty-three Grand Lodges who have extended to us the fraternal hand of welcome as being their peer, an independent Sovereign Grand Body. Many of them received us in an hour of danger and peril, gave us much comfort and support, and wished us God speed. Our Masonic standing in the Masonic world, our honor, dignity and integrity demand your earnest and immediate attention to this question. Let us either exercise our constitutional privileges and maintain the landmarks, or hereafter hold our peace. We have done all in our power to obtain an amicable adjustment of these differences. I advise that we now assert our rights, avow our position. That all who are not with us are against us, and declare Masonic non-intercourse with those Lodges who will not array themselves beneath our banner and join our register. This to be preceded by due notice. Such,

after much thought and reflection, are my views. I submit them to you, leaving the matter in your hands, believing that your calm and deliberate judgment will dictate to you that which is for the best.

SECULAR PRESS.

During the past year articles have appeared denouncing the fraternity in no measured terms. We have been accused of shielding and covering other secret organizations with our mantle. I have not deemed it my duty to controvert such assertions, trusting to the working of the order to dispel these delusions. In this Province, as elsewhere, we seek to accomplish good, not to sow the seeds of discord and evil. We know no Isms, either in theology, politics or society. We submissively yield obedience to the powers that be, whether in Church or State. We assail no man's convictions. We seek not converts. We acknowledge one God, and the Bible as his revealed will. We believe in His Fatherhood and the brotherhood of man. We most emphatically deny that we are in fellowship or communion with any other secret society.

CONCLUSION.

The year now closing has been one of anxiety, trial and perplexity. Those who know us not have spoken ill of us. But our fiercest assailants have been from within. They have been wicked and malicious. They have brought reproach on this time-honored institution. They have caused the finger of scorn to be pointed at us. They have caused the inquiry,—Where now are your principles? They have caused our hitherto good name and legal status to be questioned. Theirs be the responsibility. Freemasonry in the past has undergone trying ordeals, and has come forth triumphant, Discouragement and failure are not emblazoned on our standard. Faithfully, earnestly let us pursue the even tenor of our way, *living* rather than talking Masonry. Continuing such a course, victory will attend our efforts.

I must express my thanks to our venerable Grand Secretary for his faithful attention to the duties of his office, as well as to all my associate officers.

To the eminent brethren who have preceded me I am under great obligation for their words of counsel and advice.

The thanks of this G. L., and my own, are due to M. W. Bro. A. A. Stevenson, P. G. M., and M. W. Bro. Thos. White, M.P., P. G. M., for valuable services rendered during the year. I should be an unfaithful chronicler did I not in this connection make special mention of the names of M. W. Bro. Tait, P. G. M., and R. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, P. D. G. M., as having been faithful in season and out of season in the interests of this Grand Body. I now return to you the high trust you reposed in me a

year ago, fervently praying that He who has so signally favored this Grand Lodge in the past will still continue to bless her, to guide and direct her course.

E. R. JOHNSON,
Grand Master.

STANSTEAD, January 25, 1884.

It was moved by M.: W.: Bro. J. H. Graham, P.: G.: M.: ,
seconded by M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, P.: G.: M.: :

"That the able and eloquent address of the M.: W.: the Grand Master be referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry to report thereon as soon as convenient."

Motion carried.

GRAND SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

Your Grand Secretary begs to present this his report for the past year viz., from 15th January, 1883, to similar date of present year ; at the same time to submit copies of the correspondence of his office for that period.

Since last audit and inspection of books the aggregate amount of two thousand one hundred and ninety-eight dollars and sixty-five cents has been received on account of Grand Lodge from the different sources detailed in the annexed statement, and paid over to the R.: W.: the Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith produced.

The following named lodges are in arrears of dues to Grand Lodge for a period of twelve months and over ; under the provisions of the Constitution, they are disqualified from being represented at, or taking any part in the proceedings of Grand Lodge at the present communication :—
Prevost, No. 7 ; Excelsior, No. 46 ; Corner Stone, No. 37 ; Browne, No. 24 ; Aylmer, No. 22 ; Olive Branch, No. 50 ; Rouville U.D.

Your Grand Secretary has again to bring to your notice the fact, that the warrant of Constitution, books, papers, and property of Aylmer Lodge, No. 22, are not in possession of Grand Lodge, notwithstanding that the Lodge has ceased to work for a period of over two years, and that demand has been made for them through the R.: W.: Dis.: Dep.: Grand Master for Ottawa district, who reports that they are in possession of R.: W.: Bro.: Dr. Church of Aylmer, one of the Past Masters of the Lodge.

The dispensations issued to establish Rouville Lodge at Rougemont, and St. Louis Lodge at Lachine, are not returned to Grand Lodge. The former was in operation only for a few months; the latter never fully organized.

Your Grand Secretary at the last Annual Communication of Grand Lodge, in his quality of Grand Librarian, ventured to offer a suggestion with the view to aid and increase Grand Lodge Library. His proposition has not been met as enthusiastically as he had anticipated; the following Lodges only have responded, each sending the amount set opposite its name:—

Golden Rule No. 5.....	\$5.00	Eddy No. 41.....	5.00
Elgin " 7.....	5.00	Shawenegan " 49.....	5.00
Victoria " 16.....	10.00	St. Andrews " 53.....	5.00
Sheffield " 18.....	5.00	Ionic " 54.....	5.00
Victoria " 26.....	5.00	Prince Consort 52.....	5.00
Doric " 34.....	5.00	St. Andrew " 53.....	10.00
Pontiac " 40.....	5.00		

The above total sum is with Your Grand Secretary awaiting instructions as to its disposal.

No outlay has been expended during the year on account of the Library, and Your Grand Secretary is encouraged to hope that a grant will be made at the present session sufficient, at the least, to have all unbound matters put into volumes.

Your Grand Secretary ventures to express the hope that a disposition will yet be shown by the Craft of the Jurisdiction to aid and foster the Library when its utility will be more generally recognized.

Your Grand Secretary requires that notice be taken of the fact, that in returns made to his office from subordinate Lodges it sometimes happens that the given or surname of members reported are not correctly sent, such, for instance, as "Charles John Smith," should be "John Charles Smith." The consequence is a Grand Lodge certificate is issued for "C. J. S.," which is returned and a new one demanded for "J. C. S." As this is not an unfrequent occurrence, and as each certificate costs about fifty cents, the sum thus lost to Grand Lodge is not, on the aggregate, inconsiderable.

Your Grand Secretary suggests that if such cases occur in the future the Lodge with whom the mistake originates shall be held to pay full charge for a duplicate certificate.

Your Grand Secretary in the prosecution of certain of his defined duties during the past year, has been subjected to some trifling annoyance, arising out of his arrest on the charge of publishing "a criminal libel." He attaches no importance to the occurrence, but as it has transpired, in the performance of routine duty it is incumbent that it be mentioned. These are the facts. In the month of August last, a Wor.: Master of a Lodge in the City of Montreal, holding under a Foreign jurisdiction, namely, that of England, induced by motives into which Your Grand Secretary declines to be interested, (could it be the hope—illusive hope!—to impede the progress of this Grand Lodge?) *stabbed Your Grand Secretary with a feather!* The victim still survives! and has the satisfaction to see that Grand Lodge, having gotten rid of the insignificant aggressor, continues its course "onward and forward," apparently oblivious of the event.

Your Grand Secretary hopes the G. L. of Q. may never have a more formidable opponent.

JOHN H. ISAACSON,

Grand Secretary.

SHERBROOKE, 30th January, 1884.

**DETAILED STATEMENT OF CASH RECEIVED BY GRAND
SECRETARY FROM 30TH JANUARY 1883 TO 15TH JANUARY, 1884.**

No.	Name of Lodge.	Initia- tions.	Admisa- tions.	Annual dues.	G. L. certifi- cates.	Dis- pensa- tions.	Con- stitu- tions.	Life mem- ber- ship.	Ar- rears.	TOTAL.
1	Antiquity	\$2 00		\$11 50						13 50
2	Albion	2 00		38 00	2 00					42 00
3	St. John's	6 00	1 50	29 25	14 00					50 75
4	Dorchester	1 00	50	41 50	2 00					45 00
5	Golden Rule			63 50	8 00					69 50
6	St. Andrew	7 00	2 00	38 00	14 00					61 00
7	Elgin	4 00		24 50	8 00	10 00				46 50
8	Prevost		1 00	31 50	12 00					44 50
9	Nelson			14 40	10 00					24 40
10	St. George									53 12
11	St. George	6 00	50	34 25	8 00			15 00	50	64 25
12	Zetland	1 00	50	28 50	2 00			5 00		37 00
13									
15									
16	Victoria	4 00		57 50	10 00					71 50
18	Shefford	8 00	1 50	39 50	16 00					65 00
19	Stanbridge	3 00	50	27 00	6 00					36 50
20	Montreal Kilw'g..	7 00	50	78 25	18 00					103 75
21	Yamaska	6 00		13 25	12 00					31 25
24									
25	Royal Albert	4 00	3 50	45 50	6 00					59 00
26	Victoria	7 00	1 00	44 00	12 00					64 00
27	St. John			23 75	8 00					31 75
28	Tuscan	6 00		20 50	4 00					30 50
29	Royal Canadian ..	6 00	1 00	17 00	6 00					30 00
30	Ascot				2 00					2 00
31	Ashlar			9 25	6 00					15 25
32	Mount Royal	7 00	2 50	55 00	8 00			10 00		82 50
33	Frelighsburg	6 00		17 50	12 00					35 50
34	Doric	1 00		32 25	2 00					35 25
35	Brome Lake	5 00		18 75	14 00					37 75
36	Chateauguay	2 00		4 25	4 00					10 25
37									
38	Mount Moriah	5 00	1 00	22 00	8 00					36 00
39	Sutton	6 00	1 50	21 00	14 00					42 50
40	Pontiac	6 00	1 50	10 00	6 00					32 50
41	Eddy		50	25 75						26 25
44	St. Charles	4 00		17 50	6 00					27 50
45	Cœurs Unis	16 00		22 75	18 00					56 75
47	Graham	4 00		18 50	8 00					30 50
48	Mount Orford	3 00		29 25						32 25
49	Shawenegan	2 00		6 50	2 00					10 50
52	Prince Consort	4 00		28 00	14 00	10 00				61 00
53	St. Andrew	3 00	2 50	44 00	4 00				7 00	65 50
54	Ionic									32 00
55	Lake Magog	5 00		32 75						37 75
57	Hochelaga	5 00		19 25	12 00					36 25
58	Montarville			17 00	8 00					25 00
59	Bedford	4 00		27 50	8 00	20 00				59 50
60	Richelieu	4 00		10 75	8 00		10 00			32 75
62	Corinthian			21 00	8 00					29 00
63	Prince of Wales ..	5 00	1 50	30 25	10 00					46 75
66	Friendship	5 00		19 00	6 00					30 00
67	Argenteuil	4 00		17 00	8 00					29 00
64	King Solomon	6 00		20 50	12 00					38 50
65	Argyle	11 00	1 50	40 50	20 00					70 75
68	Good Samaritan ..	5 00	1 00	4 88	6 00					16 88
		208 00	27 50	1362 28	410 00	40 00	10 00	30 00	7 50	2198 65

*Includes \$5.00 for library.

Wor.: Bro. H. Whyte moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. D. Anderson :

"That the report of the Grand Secretary be referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry."

Motion carried.

GRAND TREASURER'S REPORT.

The Grand Treasurer presented the following report and statement:

I. H. STEARNS, Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

1883.	GENERAL FUND ACCOUNT.	Dr.
Jan. 30.	To Balance on hand.....	\$1132 91
Dec. 31.	" Quebec Bank, interest on Deposit to date	18 77
1884.		
Jan. 25.	" Grand Secretary	2198 65
" 25.	" John Wilson, Royalty on 713 Con- stitutions sold	71 30
		<hr/> \$3421 63
1883.	CONTRA.	Cr.
	By Transferred to Benevolent Fund by account by vote of Grand Lodge, 1st Feb., 1883.....	500 00
Feb. 23.	" George Horne and Co., Stationery account	15 25
" 27.	" S. J. Dawson, Grand Tyler & Asst. ...	10 00
Mar. 15.	" John Wilson, Printing, &c.	85 00
" 15.	" Sutherland, Millar & Co.	36 25
" 16.	" Thomas Mussen, Carpet for Grand Secretary's Office.....	43 50
April 6.	" Burland Lithographing Company, } 220 Parchment Certificates	154 00
" 6.	" Wm. Millar, Stationery	1 50
" 24.	" The Montreal Herald Printing Coy...	4 25
" 24.	" Geo. Horne & Co., Stationery	24 45
June 8.	" Band—Funeral of late M.: W.: Bro. } Simpson	28 50
" 8.	" Fares to Coteau and return do. do.	20 00
July 12.	" Grand Master on account of expenses.	50 00

July 20.	By Expenses P.: G.: M.: Graham to } Ottawa by Order of G.: M.:	25 00
Sep. 29.	" Law Expenses, by Order of G.: M.: ..	150 00
Nov. 26.	" The Guarantee Co., Premium on } Bond for Grand Treasurer..... }	6 25
Dec. 8.	" Grand Master on account of Expenses.	25 00
" 8.	" Citizens' Insurance premium on regalia	5 00
1884.		
Jan. 25.	" George Bishop & Co., repairing seal...	3 00
" 25.	" Grand Secretary on account for ex- penses of Funeral M.: W.: Bro. } Simpson	28 45
" 25.	" Grand Secretary, Postages, telegrams } &c., 12 months..... }	25 00
" 25.	" Do. do. Expenses attending } Grand Lodge at Quebec, 1883.... }	18 00
" 25.	" Do. do. Office rent, 12 months	120 00
" 25.	" Do. do. Salary to date	600 00
" 25.	" John Wilson, Printing Proceedings. '83	193 00
" 25.	" Balance on hand	1250 23
		<hr/> 3421 63

1883.

BENEVOLENT FUND ACCOUNT.

Jan. 30.	To Balance on hand	269 70
Feb. 1.	" Ritual Committee	86 00
May 30.	" Six months' interest on 40 shares of } the City of Montreal Consolidated } Fund to 1st May, 1883	120 00
Nov. 30.	" Six months' interest on do. do. } to 1st November, 1883..... }	120 00
	" Transferred from General Fund for } investment	500 00
Dec. 31.	" Quebec Bank, Interest on Deposit	7 10
		<hr/> \$1102 80

Dr.

1883.

CONTRA.

Mar. 10.	By Relief to Mrs. M. per V. W. Bro. } Higgins	25 00
" 10.	" " Mrs. McD. " "	25 00
" 10.	" " Bro. B., per W. Bro. Fuller..	48 00
" 10.	" " Bro. L., per R. W. Bro. Keyes	25 00
" 10.	" " Bro. S., " Stearns	48 00
May 28.	" " Mrs. W., " "	20 00
Nov. 8.	" " Bro. S., " Adams	25 00
Dec. 17.	" " W. Bro. R., " Fitch	50 00
	" Special Deposit in Quebec Bank at } 4 per cent..... }	500 00

1884.

Jan. 28.	" Balance in hand	336 80
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1102 80

Cr.

RECAPITULATION.

1884.

BENEVOLENT FUND.

Jan. 28.	Invested in Montreal Consolidated Fund at 6 per cent.....	} 4000 00
„ 28.	Special Deposit in Quebec Bank at 4 per cent.....	} 500 00
“ 28.	Cash deposited in Quebec Bank current account.....	} 336 80

1884.

GENERAL FUND.

Jan. 28.	Cash deposited in Quebec Bank	1150 77	
“ 28.	Cash on hand, current expenses	99 46	
			1250 23
“ 28.	Cash in hands of R. W. Bro. W. M. Alexander, Past Grand Treasurer }		573 34

Fraternally submitted,

I. H. STEARNS,

SHERBROOKE, January 30th, 1884.

Grand Treasurer.

The above report has been carefully examined and found to be correct.

Audited 30th January, 1884.

GEO. O. TYLER,
FRAND EDGAR,
J. B. CHARLESON.

Finance Committee.

R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns moved, seconded by R. W. Bro.
E. Fetch :

“That the report of the R. W. the Grand Treasurer just submitted,
be referred to the Committee on Finance, with instruction to report
during the present meeting of Grand Lodge.”

Motion carried.

REPORTS OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND MASTERS.

QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS.

The Grand Secretary in the absence of R.: W.: Bro. Samuel Kennedy, D.: D.: G.: M.: for Quebec and Three Rivers, for that Brother presented and read the following report :—

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.

In accordance with the Constitution, I submit my report upon the state of Masonry in the district over which I have had the honour to be elected D. D. G. M.

The number of Lodges remain as at last Annual Communication, five chartered, and one working under dispensation. I regret that circumstances beyond my control made it impossible for me to visit the Lodges in my district other than those of the city and immediate vicinity.

During the month of December last I wrote to the Secretaries of Shawenegan and Good Samaritan Lodges but received reply only from the latter, the address to the former being, I presume, at fault.

Rev. Bro. Blaylock, Secretary of "Good Samaritan," gives a very cheering account of the progress made by the Lodge since formation, and prospects of continued prosperity. They have doubled their number during the past year, and trust to make material addition to the same in the near future. I would recommend that a "Regular Warrant" as prayed for be substituted for the dispensation under which they have hitherto existed and worked.

On the 25th June I had the pleasure of installing, assisted by W. Bros. Higgins, of Albion, and Lee, of St. John's Lodges, the W. Master and Officers elect of Tuscan Lodge, and feel convinced that under the Officers then installed, it will continue to hold the high position it has hitherto occupied, viz.: of being one of the really live lodges of this jurisdiction.

The city Lodges have enjoyed during the past year a very fair measure of prosperity, the numbers added being, circumstances and surroundings considered, very satisfactory.

With sincere regret I have to report that death has taken from our midst V.: W.: Bro. M. Winn, late of Albion Lodge, who was called from labour to rest suddenly in October last. Bro. Winn was known to the fraternity as an earnest hardworking mason, conscientious in the discharge of every duty. He was buried with Masonic honours, and the large number who attended to pay that last tribute of respect to his memory, bore ample testimony to the estimation in which our departed

brother was held by the fraternity of the district. I would respectfully recommend that a page in the proceedings of Grand Lodge be inscribed to his memory.

Owing to illness I was compelled to forego the pleasure of installing the Officers elect of the several lodges of the city on St. John's Day. Those ceremonies were very kindly and most ably performed by our D.: G.: M.: R.: W.: Bro. E. Fitch, to whom I beg here to tender my sincere thanks

The masons of the city and vicinity celebrated St. John's Day by holding Divine Service, for which a dispensation to appear thereat in regalia was granted, the various lodges were well represented, and an appropriate sermon preached on the occasion by the Grand Chaplain, R.: W.: Bro. Rev. M. M. Fothergill.

In conclusion, I tender my sincere thanks to the brethren of the district for the more than kindness invariably shewn me on every occasion of our meeting official or otherwise.

The whole respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL KENNEDY,

D. D. G. M., Quebec and Three Rivers.

QUEBEC, January, 1884.

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Frederic Walker, D.: D.: G.: M.: for the Montreal District made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. and A. M.

In my last report I mentioned the prosperous and harmonious condition of the craft in the Montreal district. During the year just past, the prosperity has been still greater, and the harmony and good feeling has been such as to convince all, that the brethren of the Q. R. in the Montreal District are embued with the true spirit of our Craft.

The lodges remain the same in number as last year, twenty-three, but Antiquity No. 1, and Victoria No. 26, have completed all arrangements for amalgamation, which now only needs the confirmation of Grand Lodge to drop the latter from its register, all the members of Victoria have been placed upon the roll of Antiquity, and the charter of Victoria has been handed to me to be returned to this Grand Body.

Hochelaga lodge, No. 57, by a vote of sixteen against four, decided to move its place of meeting to a situation more convenient to the

majority of its members. This resolution was submitted to me for approval. After my approval had been given, I received a protest from seven members of the lodge, against the place of meeting being changed, but having granted permission, I considered that it was out of my power to interfere until a two-thirds majority of the lodge should again decide to remove.

I have visited all the lodges in my district once, and many of them several times, and I cannot speak too highly of the work done by the officers, the interest displayed by the members, and the determination of all, that the fair fame of masonry should not suffer through those attached to the register of the Grand Lodge of Quebec; thus proving to the world at large, and, what is of more importance to ourselves, that the falsehoods and slanders, circulated by the enemies of Freemasonry in this district, can neither make us swerve from the right path, or create discord in our ranks. I take this opportunity of giving a most emphatic denial to the untruthful statements which have been made, anonymously, in the press.

As a sample, I will take the only case which can be located, as in it a name has been mentioned. It is as follows:—"Recently, P.: M.: Dunn, of Zetland, just after the lodge closed, took off his jewel, and laid it on the Secretary's desk. He then turned round and put on his overcoat, and having done so, he immediately turned again to the desk and found the jewel had mysteriously disappeared. *The jewel has not yet been found.*"

In a circular dated March, 1881, signed "Loyal Unity," it was stated "Not long ago one of its Past Masters was robbed in the Lodge Room."

Is this the same case; if so, why designate it now as "recently"?

As a matter of fact, P.: M.: Dunn never was robbed of his jewel. It was presented to him some years ago and he still wears it with pride, and I hope may long continue to do so.

There appears a desire on the part of these anonymous writers to fix upon our lodges the stigma of intemperance. Nothing could be more false; the large majority of the lodges in this district insist upon their festivals being conducted on total abstinence principles, and the few who do not, preserve a decorum which must meet the approval of even the majority of our members who condemn the use of anything stronger than coffee.

I would point with pride to the brethren selected by the various lodges in this district, as rulers for the ensuing twelve months, their high character and standing, should be a sufficient answer to the aspersions referred to.

I must thank the M.: W.: Grand Master for his many kindnesses in granting dispensations to wear regalia at the various social entertainments held by the different lodges in this district; for being present and delivering an address at the general excursion to Highgate Springs; and

for the official visitations he made to Antiquity, Mount Moriah, Ionic, Corinthian, and King Solomon lodges.

As this will be my last report, as D.: D.: G.: M.: of Montreal District, perhaps the M.: W.: Grand Body will pardon my taking the opportunity to bid an affectionate farewell to the District over which I have presided for more than two years.

To say that I have been treated with kindness is hardly expressive enough, and if I searched for cause of complaint, the only one I could find would be, that Masonry has been so successful, and the enthusiasm so great, and the consequent demand upon my time has been such, that I have rarely found an evening that I could devote to anything but the duties of my office.

Fraternally submitted.

J. FRED. WALKER,
D. D. G. M.

MONTREAL, January 26th, 1884.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

The Grand Secretary, in the absence of R.: W.: Bro. H. W. Wood, D.: D.: G.: M.: for Bedford District, for that Brother presented and read the following report :

*To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Quebec
A. F. and A. M.*

In making the following brief report of the state of Freemasonry in the district of Bedford, I have to state, in the beginning, I regret very much that I have been unable to visit all the lodges in the district and I must plead, as an excuse for not doing so, that sickness has prevented me.

However, I am happy to be able to report nearly all the lodges are in a very prosperous condition.

The only ones that are not so, are Browne Lodge, at West Farnham, Prevost Lodge, No. 7, at Dunham, and (I fear I must add) Olive Branch, at West Shefford.

I think it would be in the interest of masonry in this District, if the members of these lodges would see fit to return their warrants to the Grand Lodge.

I have had communication with the officers of the two lodges first named, and from the information I have been able to gain, there seems very little prospect of their being resuscitated.

With regard to Rouville Lodge, I have to report that I have been unable to get an answer to my communication addressed to the supposed Worshipful Master of said Lodge.

Quite a number of the Lodges in this District are working the new ritual in a very satisfactory manner.

I may mention in particular that I was greatly pleased at the manner in which I saw the work done by the Worshipful Masters of Shefford and Frelighsburg Lodges.

The increase in membership has been quite large in all the lodges I have visited, and the material selected seems to have been good and fit for the masonic building.

I would here state that some of the lodges which I have failed to visit are among the most prosperous in the District.

The following lodges applied through me for dispensations to appear publicly in regalia, and the said dispensations were granted by the M.: W.: the Grand Master, viz.: Brome Lake Lodge, for the purpose of attending Divine Service on St John's day, the 24th June; Frelighsburg Lodge, for a festival on 25th June; St. John's Lodge, Mansonville, for a festival, and public installation on 27th December, St. John the Evangelist day; Shefford Lodge, for a festival on 28th December; and Stanbridge Lodge, for a festival on 11th January, 1884.

On November, 27th I had the satisfaction with R.: W.: Bro. Isaacson, Grand Secretary, of attending a special communication of Nelson Lodge, St. Armand Station, where we had the pleasure of seeing the work of the third degree very ably exemplified by the officers of a lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Vermont, and hailing from St. Albans.

The only subject of importance likely to come before Grand Lodge at the approaching session of special interest to the Craft in this district, is the notice of motion given by V.: W.: Bro. Moore, in reference to the division of the District.

After taking the opinions of many of the leading masons in different parts of the District, and giving the matter very careful consideration, I am obliged to report that, in my opinion, it is not at present advisable to divide the District of Bedford into two districts.

The Masonic District is at present co-terminus with the judicial District of Bedford.

There is a probability that the number of lodges in the District will be less than at present, and when it is taken into consideration that nearly every part of the District is easy of access by rail, it would seem that there need be no great difficulty in visiting every lodge in the District once during the masonic year.

No masonic complaint has been made to me during the year with the exception of one, which referred to the jurisdiction of two lodges, matter, I believe, was amicably arranged.

It is pleasing to be able to report no deaths among the Craft in this District during the past year.

In conclusion, I beg to return my sincere thanks to the officers and members of the lodges I have visited for the cordial and fraternal manner in which they have received me.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. W. WOOD,

D. D. G. M., Bedford District.

KNOWLTON, P.Q., January, 1884.

ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Bro. Gustavus Lucke, D.: D.: G.: M.: for St. Francis District, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

According to the requirements of the Constitution, I have the honour to submit to Grand Lodge my report on the state of Masonry in the District of St. Francis.

During my term of office I have visited most of the lodges under my jurisdiction, and have tangible proof of the harmony prevailing, also the satisfactory condition of the Craft in general.

It was my intention to have visited all the lodges in the District, but I regret, that pressure of business, illness, and other unforeseen circumstances, have prevented me from accomplishing my desire.

I have been in correspondence with those lodges I was unable to meet, and from all sources reports of a gratifying nature have reached me.

A few dispensations were applied for, all of which were submitted to the Most Worshipful Grand Master for approval.

It is most gratifying to me to report the thorough allegiance and respect paid to the Grand Lodge by the subordinate Lodges in my jurisdiction, as evinced by the enthusiasm of my reception and the loyal sentiments expressed.

I can report Masonry as progressive, both as to numbers and material, in this district.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted.

GUSTAVUS LUCKE,

D. D. G. M. St. Francis District.

SHERBROOKE, Que., 14th January, 1884.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

R.: W.: Bro. C. D. Chitty, D.: D.: G.: M.: for Ottawa District, made the following report :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Master, Officers, and Brethren of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

I have the honor to submit for your consideration the following report of the state of Masonry in the District of Ottawa.

I have visited Eddy Lodge many times, and can assure you that the work is performed well, and great care taken in regard to material admitted.

The Master is well supported, and peace and harmony prevail.

The Pontiac Lodge is sixty-five miles from the Eddy, I have visited it officially twice, and found it an active, well worked Lodge, with plenty of good material.

I had the honour of installing the officers of Pontiac Lodge, on the eve of St. John the Evangelist, 1883, and procured from the Most Worshipful Grand Master a dispensation to permit the wearing of regalia at their annual supper, when a very pleasant evening was spent in fraternal and social intercourse.

In regard to Aylmer Lodge, I have made several trips, and written several times, but as yet have not succeeded in procuring the warrants and properties, as demanded by the Grand Lodge.

In conclusion, I beg to tender my thanks to the Brethren of Ottawa District for the kind manner in which they have always assisted me, thereby making my duties a pleasure.

Fraternally submitted.

C. D. CHITTY,
D. D. G. M. Ottawa District.

It was moved by V.: W.: Bro. C. S. Channell, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. H. Dunn :

"That the reports from the several District Deputy Grand Masters be referred to the Committee on the State of Masonry."

Motion carried.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

W.: Bro. Futvoye gave notice that he would at the next meeting of the Grand Lodge make the following motion :

"That Art. 13, pages 8 and 9, of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking out all the words after the word "at" in the second line, to the end of the sentence, and inserting the clause "the City of Montreal."

R.: W.: Bro. Gustavus Lucke gave notice that he would at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge make the following motion :

"That Art. 13, page 8, of the Book of the Constitution be amended by erasing therefrom the word "last" in the second line of said Article, and substituting therefor the word "second."

V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker gave notice that he would at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge make the following motion :

"That Article 94, page 23, of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking therefrom all the words following the word "committee" on the third line until reaching the word "proceed" on the sixth line, and substituting therefor the following words: "shall be selected by the M.: W.: Grand Master immediately after the election of Grand Officers, which nominating Committee shall immediately," &c.

R.: W.: Bro. A. G. Adams gave notice that he would at the next annual meeting of this Grand Lodge make the following motion :

"That Section 43, page 13, of the Book of Constitution referring to election of Grand Lodge officers be amended by striking out the word "nor" in the third line, and substituting in its place the word "except."

V.: W.: Bro. Joseph Martin gave notice that he would at the next annual meeting of Grand Lodge make the following motion :

"That Article 188, pages 45 and 46, of the Book of Constitution be amended by striking therefrom all the words after the word "dues" in the second line, and substituting therefor the following: "unless he has "been duly notified by a summons sent to him to appear at the next "regular communication of his lodge to show cause why he should not "be suspended."

The attention of Grand Lodge was called to a letter received from Bro. Rev. Thos. Blaylock, Wor.: Master elect of "Good Samaritan" Lodge, wherein *inter alia* the writer stated the fact of the death, by

diphtheria, of two of his sons, and the dangerous illness of himself and wife from the same terrible scourge.

Great sympathy was expressed for the afflicted brother, and sorrowing members of his family, and the Grand Secretary was desired to communicate the same.

A letter written by R.: W.: Bro. James H. Neilson, of Dublin, Ireland, a Past Grand Senior Warden of this Grand Lodge, addressed to M.: W.: Bro. J. H. Graham, expressing the very great interest of the writer in the success and affairs of the G. L. of Q., was read by the latter-named Brother. The Grand Secretary was instructed to transmit a fitting reply.

At 5.30 p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment.

John H. Deacon
Grand Secy
G. L. of Q.

EVENING SESSION.

Grand Lodge was called to labor at 7.30 p.m., the M.: W.: the Grand Master on the Throne.

ELECTION OF GRAND LODGE OFFICERS.

M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, V.: W.: Bro. H. Dunn and W.: Bro. Wm. H. Whyte were named scrutineers, and having been duly obligated, Grand Lodge at 8 p.m. proceeded to the election of Grand Officers for the next year with the following result :

M.: W.: Bro. E. R. JOHNSON, Stanstead, re-elected.. *Grand Master.*

R.: " " J. FRED. WALKER... Montreal..... *Dep. Grand Master.*

" " " Jas. BOWEN, Jr..... Quebec City... *Grand Senior Warden.*

" " " REV. HY. W. NYE... Bedford " *Junior Warden.*

" " " T. NEWNAN..... Montreal..... " *Chaplain.*

" " " REID..... Sherbrooke.... " "

" " " J. H. STEARNS, Montreal, re-elected. " *Treasurer.*

" " " J. C. WILSON, " " *Registrar.*

" " " JOHN H. ISAACSON, " re-elected. " *Secretary.*

" " ISAAC RICHARDSON, " by open vote. " *Tyler.*

The following named brethren were duly elected as members to compose the "nominating committee":—

R.: W.: Bro. I. H. STEARNS.

" " " J. B. CHARLESON.

" " " A. LYONS.

" " " H. HIGGINS.

" " " THOS. W. FULLER.

R.: W.: Bro. J. FRED. WALKER.

" " " T. P. BUTLER.

" " " H. L. ROBINSON.

" " " GUSTAVUS LUCKE.

Grand Lodge was "called off" for the space of twenty minutes to enable the brethren from the different districts to consult with the view to nominate their respective District Deputy Grand Masters. At the expiry of that time Grand Lodge resumed labor, and the following named brethren were reported as having been nominated :

W.: Bro. F. G. WOTHERSPOON, Three Rivers, *Quebec & Three Rivers Dis.*
 V.: " " FRED. MASSEY..... Montreal..... *Montreal District.*
 " " " GEO. L. PINKHAM...Coaticooke...*St. Francis* "
 R.: " " C. D. CHITTY.....Hull..... *Ottawa* "

The nomination for Bedford district was postponed, in view of the notice of motion, not yet disposed of, given by V.: W.: Bro. H. D. Moore, the possible passing of which would materially affect that district.

All the nominations above stated were confirmed by the M.: W.: Grand Master, and the brethren named, were declared duly elected.

A vote of thanks to the Scrutineers for their services was passed, and they were discharged from further duty.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker moved, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson :

"That it is expedient that the annual meeting of this Grand Lodge to be held in the month of January next, 1885, shall be held in the city of Montreal, and that the business of Grand Lodge in the future shall commence at 10 a.m."

Motion carried unanimously.

V.: W.: Bro. H. D. Moore, by permission, then, in pursuance of his notice given at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge, moved, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson :

"That whereas the masonic district of Bedford (as now existing) is much too large in its geographical area for masonic uses and purposes, so much so, that it is found almost impossible for any brother acting as District Deputy to visit the different lodges under his care, and to perform the many duties attached to his office in a manner satisfactory to himself, and to the interests of the Craft; therefore, said district shall be separated and divided into two masonic districts, the limits, boundaries and names of each, to be fixed and defined during this present session of Grand Lodge."

Motion carried.

V.: W.: Bro. H. D. Moore, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson, moved :

"That to carry into effect the foregoing resolution, the masonic district of Bedford is hereby separated and divided into two districts, one to

retain the name of "Bedford district," the other to be designated "The Masonic district of Shefford and Brome," the latter to comprise all the territory of the present counties of Shefford and Brome; the former, all the remaining portion of the old district, excepting therefrom the town of St. John, which is hereby transferred to the Montreal masonic district."

Motion carried.

M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler, chairman of the Finance Committee, gave notice that he would on the morrow apply for a money grant sufficient to meet the necessary expenses of the present meeting of Grand Lodge.

At 9.30 p.m. Grand Lodge was called from labour to refreshment.

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SECOND DAY.—MORNING SESSION.

Grand Lodge resumed labor this 31st day of January, A.D. 1884, A.L. 5884, at 9.30 a.m., the M.: W.: the Grand Master on the Throne.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Finance Committee presented the following report :

SHERBROOKE, 30th January, 1884.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

The Committee on Finance beg to report.

That they have carefully examined and audited the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary and find them correct. The whole is as follows :

GENERAL FUND.

Cash in hands of the Grand Treasurer 30th Jan., 1883	\$1132 91	
Receipts from the 15th Jan., 1883, to 25th Jan., 1884.	2269 95	
Interest on Deposit to 1st Jan., 1884.....	18 77	
	<u> </u>	\$3421 63
Expenditure 30th Jan., 1883, to 30th Jan., 1884.....	1671 40	
Transferred to Benevolent Fund Account.....	500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$2171 40
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer...		<u> </u> \$1250 23

CHARITABLE FUND.

Cash in the hands of Grand Treasurer 30th Jan., 1883	269 70	
Receipts and Interest from that date to 30th Jan., 1883	333 10	
Transferred from General Fund.....	500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$1102 80
Paid charitable grants made by Grand Lodge	\$266 00	
Special Deposit in Quebec Bank.....	500 00	
	<u> </u>	\$766 00
Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer....		<u> </u> \$336 80

The following comprise the whole available assets of the Grand Lodge 30th January, 1884, and for which only the Grand Treasurer is responsible:

GENERAL FUND.

Balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, R. W. } Bro. I. H. Stearns.....	\$99 46
Deposited in Quebec Bank, jointly and in trust in the names of I. H. Stearns, G. Treas, and E. R. Johnson, Grand Master.....	1150 77
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CHARITABLE FUND.

Balance deposited in Quebec Bank, jointly and in trust, in the names of I. H. Stearns, G. Treas, E. R. Johnson, Grand Master, and E. Fitch, Deputy Grand Master.....	336 80
Deposit in Quebec Bank.....	500 00
Invested in Montreal Consolidated Fund, 4 per cent..	4000 00
	<hr/> \$4836 80

Your Committee would recommend that the Special Deposit of \$500 in the Bank of Quebec, be deposited, jointly and in trust, in the names of I. H. Stearns, G. Treas, M. M. Tait, P. G. M. and J. H. Isaacs as Grand Secretary.

The following unpaid accounts are recommended to be discharged:

Burland Lithographic Coy., for Parchment Diplomas & Printing	\$210 00
George Kenning for Masonic Periodicals.....	42 00
John Wilson for Printing.....	64 25
William Millar, Stationery	19 65
Balance due on account, Postage and Stationery to P. G. M. } Graham	25 00
	<hr/> \$360 90

Your Committee think that the cost of printing Proceedings of Grand Lodge rather high; and they also hope that the officers of Grand Lodge will keep strictly within the estimates adopted.

Your Committee submit the following Approximate Estimate to be voted by Grand Lodge, to meet expenses of Grand Lodge for the current year, and to be taken from the General Fund.

For Salary of Grand Secretary	\$600 00
" Rent and taxes of Grand Secretary's office.....	120 00
" Expenses of Annual Communication, 1884.....	50 00
" Printing Proceedings do. do.	150 00
" Grand Master for Stationery, Travelling Expenses, &c.....	100 00
" Grand Secretary do. do.	100 00
" Grand Lodge Certificates, Material, and Printing same	150 00
	<hr/> \$1270 00

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Your Committee cannot conclude without acknowledging the efficient manner in which the Grand Treasurer has always performed his duties, and the correct and exemplary manner of keeping his accounts and vouchers.

Every claim on the Grand Lodge has been met promptly, and the Grand Treasurer shows excessive zeal in placing any funds that come into his hands at once on deposit in the bank, so that interest may accrue to the benefit of the Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted.

GEO. O. TYLER,
FRANK EDGAR,
J. B. CHARLESON,

Finance Committee.

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M.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler moved, seconded by W.: Bro. Lee :
"That the report of the Finance Committee just read be received and adopted."

Motion carried.

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R.: W.: Bro. I. H. Stearns, in the absence of R.: W.: Bro. Edson Fitch, made the following report from the Committee on Benevolence:

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Your Committee on Benevolence and Charity, beg to report that they have during the interim since the last session granted the following amounts for charitable purposes :

\$360 90
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Widow W.....	\$20
Bro. P. S.....	25
W.: Bro. J. B. R.....	50

And recommend the following amounts be granted :

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Widow M.....	\$25
Widow S.....	25
Widow O'B.....	25
Widow H.....	25

To be distributed by R.: W.: Bro. E. Fitch.

600 00
120 00
50 00
150 00
100 00
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Late Bro. W. A.'s children.....	25
W.: Bro. N.....	25

To be given to Chairman of Montreal Board of Relief.

Bro. J. C. S.	\$48
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To be given to R.: W.: Bro. Stearns to be used with discretionary powers.

270 00

Your Committee do not consider that the application of Miss W. comes within their province.

The application from the Chairman of the Board of Relief from the Montreal District, has been considered, and the Committee do not feel justified in recommending the granting of funds to be distributed by local Boards of Relief, not only on account of the smallness of the funds at disposal, but also, the dangerous precedent it would establish

Your Committee would recommend that the Grand Secretary be directed to forward a letter of condolence to Rev. Bro. Thomas Blaylock, Wor. Master, "Good Samaritan" Lodge at New Carlisle, in his great bereavement.

The whole of which is respectfully submitted.

EDSON FITCH.
A. G. ADAMS.
H. C. BLINN.
M. B. SCHOFIELD.
I. H. STEARNS.

It was moved by M.: W.: Bro. Tyler, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker :

"That the report from the Committee on Benevolence now presented be received and adopted."

Motion carried.

It was moved by R.: W.: Bro. I. H. Stearns, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. W. S. Evans :

"That the amount received by the Grand Treasurer, of \$24, paid him from sales of R. C. be paid over to the Benevolent Fund."

Motion carried.

The Committee on Jurisprudence made the following reports :

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M.

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPLAINT OF FREDERICK C. SAUNDERS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence have the honor to report that they have carefully examined the complaint of Brother Frederick C. Saunders, a non-affiliated Brother holding a demit from Bedford Lodge No. 59 Q. R., the substance of which is, that having been invited to the annual ball of the Bedford Lodge on the 19th January, 1883, by the ball committee, he presented himself with the ladies of his family for admission, but was not allowed to enter by the W. M. of that Lodge upon the ground that he was not an affiliated mason.

Your Committee are of opinion that the Grand Lodge cannot entertain this complaint. The Constitution provides that the District Deputy

Grand Masters of the several districts shall have original jurisdiction to try and determine all complaints preferred against the Master of any Lodge within their respective districts.

The complaint should therefore be returned to Bro. Saunders and his attention called to the provisions of the Constitution requiring him to present it to the R. W. D. D. G. M. of the Bedford District.

Respectfully submitted,

M. M. TAIT, *Chairman.*
T. P. BUTLER,
ARTHUR LYON,
JOHN H. GRAHAM.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. A. Lyon, seconded by V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker :

"That the report just presented be received and adopted."

Motion carried.

To the Most Worshipful the Grand Lodge of Quebec.

IN THE MATTER OF THE PETITION OF JOHN BRAMLEY, PAST SENIOR WARDEN, HOHELAGA LODGE, AND OTHERS.

The Committee on Jurisprudence have the honor to report that this petition purports to be an appeal to the Grand Master and Grand Lodge from the decision of the District Deputy Grand Master of the Montreal district in approving of the removal of the Hochelaga Lodge from that place to the city of Montreal.

Your Committee have carefully examined the papers, but as it does not appear that the petition was ever served upon the D. D. G. M. or any notice given to him of the appeal, Your Committee are of opinion that nothing can be done in the premises until the provisions of the Constitution with reference to appeal are complied with.

M. M. TAIT, *Chairman.*
T. P. BUTLER,
ARTHUR LYON,
JOHN H. GRAHAM.

It was moved by R. W. Bro. W. H. Whyte, seconded by R. W. Bro. Arthur Lyon :

"That the report now presented be received and adopted."

Motion carried.

The Committee on "The State of Masonry" made the following reports on the Grand Master's address :

The Committee on "The State of Masonry" beg to report.

They have had submitted to them the address of the M.: W.: the Grand Master to report thereon for the information of Grand Lodge. In the fulfilment of the duty thus devolving upon them they have carefully perused and examined the same, giving to each subject referred to therein their earnest consideration.

With the preliminary observations of the M.: W.: the Grand Master, Your Committee are in perfect accord. They hope with confidence that at the conclusion of the year upon which we have entered, when the record of its events shall have been written, so far as the same shall have concerned the Craft here, it will be found transcribed, that our Masters and Overseers have accepted with alacrity, and discharged with ability, all the duties and responsibilities incumbent on them—to guide, instruct and govern; and that our workmen have been found skilful, laborious, and loyal in all their works and acts; the whole working in that peace and harmony which should on all occasions characterize Freemasons.

With the M.: W.: Grand Master, Your Committee hope, the present meeting of Grand Lodge in the City of Sherbrooke may prove as well beneficial to its generous and hospitable inhabitants, as of pleasure and advantage to our Society. In mixed communities such as we have in "this Canada of ours," and which are fairly illustrated in the population of the city wherein we are now holding our deliberations, the prejudices against Freemasonry existing amongst the ill-informed may perchance be dispelled, or at least mitigated by our prudent conduct and circumspect behaviour during our sojourn in their midst.

To be loyal to the Government under which we reside, and which affords us the protection of its laws, is one of the first teachings of our Order. Your Committee are confident that the Grand Lodge will gladly accept as its own, the sentiments of the Grand Master referring to Her Most Gracious Majesty, Queen Victoria, and to their illustrious Brother, Albert Edward, Prince of Wales.

Your Committee are assured that the words of the M.: W.: Grand Master alluding to those "at rest," will find a sympathising response in the heart of every member of Grand Lodge. The two late eminent brothers spoken of—M.: W.: Bro. W. B. Simpson and R.: W.: Bro. Borlase—will ever be remembered with gratitude and respect by this Grand Lodge as having been amongst its best and most useful friends and advisers.

Your Committee recommend that a memorial page for each be set apart in the appendix to the printed proceedings of Grand Lodge, commemorative of their virtues and services.

Your Committee are of opinion that the utterances of the M.: W.: the Grand Master on the subject of "Charity and Benevolence," are peculiarly suitable to the occasion. They desire to direct the earnest attention of Grand Lodge thereto, and advise that at this session, if it be found practicable, at the last, some of the suggestions be carried into effect. The subject, however, will doubtless receive the attention of the Committee to whom such matters are referred.

Your Committee are convinced that Grand Lodge, as representing the Craft in this Province, will be gratified to learn that the reception at its last meeting, by the Grand Lodge of Canada, of several of our prominent officers and members, referred to by him in his address, was of so flattering a nature—may the connection and attachment now existing between the two bodies ever continue as between mother and daughter, the former exemplifying all the excellencies and benefits of our brotherhood, the latter zealously following in the footsteps of her good parent.

Your Committee, with the M.: W.: the Grand Master, have much satisfaction in noting the increased tendency of our brethren to attend Divine service, as a body, at least once during each year. Our records show that when our Grand Lodge was first established, it was an annual custom for its members during session "to offer up their adoration to the Most High, in His Temple."

Your Committee would advise that the habit, which was one of our first Grand Master, be revived and continued.

Your Committee feel that the announced intended amalgamation of Lodge of Antiquity No. 1 and Victoria No. 26 will be received with pleasure as it has been demonstrated that the result will be to the advantage of both.

Your Committee are confident that Grand Lodge will approve the remarks offered by the M.: W.: the Grand Master as to the celebrations and festivals generally observed amongst masons. These ceremonies tend to make individual members of the Craft better known to each other and to the world at large, so creating a more extended "social" intercourse which cannot but result in good to the Craft.

Especially would Your Committee direct attention of Grand Lodge to the remarks of M.: W.: the Grand Master on the subject of Temperance.

If our Order expects to keep pace with the progress of the times, to do so, its members must be guided by the excellent advice on this head given by its chief ruler.

Your Committee are sure that Grand Lodge will appreciate the labors of the past year of the M.: W.: the Grand Master—his visitations have been most acceptable—it is a source of satisfaction to learn from him

that he has found in every instance his executive officers so efficient and courteous. Grand Lodge will doubtless endorse the counsel he has given to promote and secure such prosperity to lodges as is desirable.

Your Committee advise Grand Lodge to ratify the appointments of Grand Representatives near Foreign Grand Lodges made during the past year by the M.: W.: the Grand Master, and reported in his address.

Your Committee heartily concur in the remarks of the M.: W.: Grand Master in regard to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, and calling to mind the words of M.: W.: P.: Grand Master Graham in his address to this Grand Lodge at its last Annual Communication, wherein he said "that should it further appear that unjustifiable and unmasonic means continue to be, or should hereafter be taken to prevent this legitimate and desirable consummation (*i. e.*, the adhesion to this new Grand Lodge of a majority of lodges in that Colony) "the Grand Lodge of Quebec may then deem it to be her duty to consider what action shall be taken by her under the circumstances"; and as Your Committee are thoroughly convinced that such unmasonic means have been, and continue to be, adopted by the Grand Lodges in the mother country, and their officials in New South Wales; and that many of the lodges and individual brethren have been, by intimidation and otherwise, prevented from exercising their inherent and constitutional rights as Freemasons, and this Grand Lodge deeming it to be their imperative duty to sympathize with and support in such and such like circumstances their brethren in the dependencies of the British Empire, and elsewhere. Therefore, Your Committee respectfully and earnestly recommend this Grand Lodge to recognize the M.: W.: the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, as entitled to have and to exercise exclusive sovereign Masonic authority in said Colony, and that Grand Representatives be interchanged therewith.

Your Committee are of opinion that the M.: W.: the Grand Master did wisely in submitting to Grand Lodge the salient and more important facts enunciated by his predecessors in regard to the cause which had been followed by them, or to all the questions involved in our relation to the mother Grand Lodge of England, all of which has been unanimously adopted by this Grand Lodge and approved of by nearly all the Grand Lodges of the world.

Fully recognising the grave importance to this Grand Lodge of any proceedings it may adopt in regards to its relations with England; and well aware of the measure of responsibility they assume in advising in the premises, Your Committee desire to say, that they have pondered well on the views, expressions, and advice of the M.: W.: G.: M.: on the subject; they have carefully followed and studied his statements and arguments, have verified each and every one of them, with this result, viz.: It is their duty to recommend Grand Lodge, in view of the past

and present course of the Grand Lodge of England, so truthfully traced by the M.: W.: G.: M.:, and her persistence to encourage within our territory the existence of lodges holding warrants from her, and which continue to violate and set at nought the rights, privileges, and prerogatives of this Grand Lodge, thus depriving this Grand Lodge of its sovereign, independent, and exclusive jurisdiction over its territory; to follow the advice given by the M.: W.: the Grand Master, namely,—after due notice, to declare non-intercourse with all lodges and brethren in the Province of Quebec who will not array themselves beneath our banner and join our register.

Your Committee doubt not but that if the course now advised, be pursued firmly, yet judiciously, a speedy and final consummation will be arrived at. It will take less than the fourteen years already past of attempted conciliation to bring about the entire unity of government of the Craft in our jurisdiction so much to be desired.

Your Committee submit for the approbation of Grand Lodge the correct and dignified position taken by the Grand Master in connection with the denunciations propagated by a portion of the Press against our fraternity.

With the concluding remarks of our M.: W.: G.: M.:, Grand Lodge will doubtless coincide. His denunciations of our "assailants from within" are delivered with force and emphasis. Your Committee urge upon members of Grand Lodge to adopt them as the unanimous expression of their own sentiments.

For the Committee,

JOHN H. ISAACSON.

Grand Secretary.

It was moved by V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. A. Lyons:

"That the report of the Committee on the State of Masonry just read be received and adopted."

Motion carried.

The Committee on the State of Masonry beg to report that they have examined the several reports of D. D. G. M. and beg to report thereon—

MONTREAL DISTRICT.

The report of R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker imparts the satisfactory information that in this important district the prosperity of the Craft is greater, and the harmony amongst them more complete than on the

occasion of his former report, which it will be remembered was of a flattering nature.

The amalgamation of Lodge of Antiquity No. 1 and Victoria No. 26 is officially reported; as Your Committee in another of their reports have recommended that Grand Lodge should confirm this act, it need not be further mentioned here.

The question of the removal of Hochelaga Lodge, and the action of its members concerning the same, will doubtless receive the proper consideration of Grand Lodge.

Your Committee trust Grand Lodge will note the faithfulness with which R.: W.: Bro. Walker has performed the arduous duties of his office, he has visited all his lodges once, and many of them several times during the year.

Your Committee trust Grand Lodge will fittingly recognize its obligations to so pains-taking and efficient an officer

Your Committee, from their own personal knowledge, can corroborate the accuracy of the statements made by the District Deputy in reference to the untruthfulness of the anonymous statements which have been published in regard to the matters referred to in his report.

QUEBEC AND THREE RIVERS.

Your Committee learn with much satisfaction, that in this district the Craft continues to more than hold its own, notwithstanding the powerful influences brought to bear against it. The number of lodges continue as at the termination of the preceding year, but the returns from these lodges shew an increase in membership.

The report from our youngest daughter, "Good Samaritan Lodge," located at New Carlisle, in Bonaventure County, is very gratifying, and realizes the expectations of its success which were formed at the time the dispensation was granted for the establishment of the lodge. Your Committee doubt not but that under the able and judicious management and control of its very earnest and prudent officers; "Good Samaritan" will rank amongst the foremost of our lodges as to good work and material. Having examined the work and proceedings of the lodge which is satisfactory, and the necessary certificates required by the Constitution as to the skill of the officers; Your Committee have much pleasure in advising, that the recommendation of R.: W.: Bro. Kennedy be at once acceded to, namely, that a Regular Warrant be granted at this session of Grand Lodge to establish "Good Samaritan Lodge."

Your Committee are of opinion that a still further impetus to the advancement of the Craft in the extreme eastern section of our province would be given, if an arrangement could be effected whereby Grand

Officers, and others of the Craft desiring it, could be present at the consecration and erection of this lodge at some early and convenient period of the forthcoming summer, and it is hoped that this project will be carried into effect.

The favourable report of the prosperity of all the lodges in the district of Quebec and Three Rivers will doubtless be received with satisfaction by Grand Lodge.

R.: W.: Bro. Kennedy reports the death of W.: Bro. Martin Winn, a Past Master of Albion Lodge; pays a deserved tribute to the memory of the deceased; and asks that a memorial page in the proceedings of Grand Lodge be inscribed to his memory. It is almost needless to say that Your Committee advise Grand Lodge to accede to the request.

Your Committee are convinced that Grand Lodge will give its hearty approval to the form of celebration of St. John's day adopted last year by the fraternity in the city and environs of Quebec, namely, by attending a Divine Service at the Cathedral of Church of England, where an instructive discourse was delivered by R.: W.: Bro. Fothergill, our Grand Chaplain.

Your Committee are grateful to learn that Shawenegan Lodge at Three Rivers, with its excellent membership, continues to enjoy a large degree of prosperity under the able guidance of efficient and well skilled officers, thus to some extent restoring the prestige of Freemasonry at Three Rivers which it had nearly 100 years ago.

ST. FRANCIS DISTRICT.

Your Committee is much gratified to learn by the report of R.: W.: Bro. Gustavus Lucke, the D. D. G. M., that those essentials to success, peace, harmony and prosperity, prevail throughout his district.

It is doubtless a satisfaction to Grand Lodge to receive through its officer renewed assurances of allegiance and respect from its subordinate lodges. Expressions of such a nature invariably tend to strengthen the tie which binds together the "governing" and "governed," so long as each shall render to the other loyal support, and encouragement, there will be no need to fear as to the future.

Your Committee have reason to expect at an early day a substantial increase in the number of lodges in this important district.

BEDFORD DISTRICT.

Your Committee are glad to know from the report of R.: W.: Bro. Dr. H. W. Wood that on the whole the Craft in his district is in a very prosperous condition. It appears, however, that Prevost Lodge No. 7 and

Browne Lodge No. 24 and Olive Branch No. 50, are the exceptions. From facts which have come to the knowledge of Your Committee, endorsing the remarks of the D. D. G. M. in regard to these lodges, they regret to be compelled to advise Grand Lodge to call in warrants of Provost Lodge No. 7, Browne No. 24, and Olive Branch No. 50.

A like proceeding should be taken as to the dispensation granted to establish Rouville Lodge.

A pleasing feature in the report of R.: W.: Bro. Wood is the announcement of the fact, that in Nelson Lodge No. 9 the M.: M.: degree was worked and exemplified by the officers of Franklin Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Vermont. Acts and courtesies of this nature between lodges holding under different jurisdictions are calculated to do immense good in various ways, they not only create and strengthen brotherly good will, but they also impart information, and should be encouraged on every available occasion.

Your Committee would call the attention of "all whom it may concern" to the remarks of R.: W.: Bro. Wood on the suggested division of Bedford masonic district. But they desire to leave the decision of this important question to Grand Lodge upon the motion to be submitted by V.: W.: Bro. Moore.

OTTAWA DISTRICT.

Your Committee observe that this district is no exception from all the others so far as prosperity and harmony are concerned. The only drawback appears to be with Aylmer Lodge. In this matter your Committee suggest that the Grand Secretary, or other officer, proceed at as early a date as possible to Aylmer with the view to confer with the brethren there in regard to the resuscitation of said lodge or the surrendering its warrant.

For the Committee,

JOHN H. ISAACSON,
Grand Secretary.

It was moved by M.: W.: Bro. J. H. Graham, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. H. S. Robinson :

"That the report now presented be received and adopted."

Motion carried.

The Committee on "The State of Masonry" made the following report on Grand Secretary's report :—

The Committee on the State of Masonry beg to report—

Your Committee have considered the report of the Grand Secretary and statement thereto annexed which cannot but be considered as satisfactory, exhibiting as they do, *inter alia*, evidences of the progress and working of almost all the subordinate lodges making their annual returns to Grand Lodge.

The remarks of the Grand Secretary on Aylmer and Rouville Lodges go to strengthen the recommendations of Your Committee already made as to the advisability of Grand Lodge possessing itself of warrants not in use and property of defunct lodges.

These remarks in a moderated form apply to the proposed lodge at Lachine.

Your Committee concur with the Grand Secretary in his observations anent the advisability of aiding and establishing a Grand Lodge library. They gather, however, from what he reports that the time has not yet arrived for more active operation in the premises.

Your Committee cheerfully advise Grand Lodge to meet the views of Grand Secretary and grant a sufficient sum to have all unbound matter put into volumes.

Your Committee are of opinion with the Grand Secretary that the matter his report refers to, personal to himself, has received more prominence than it deserves.

Your Committee have noted the remarks of the Grand Secretary calling attention to the necessity of issuing duplicate Grand Lodge certificates by reason of erroneous mention of names in returns from subordinate lodges, and recommend that in the future any duplicate certificate issued through the fault of any lodge or its officers will be paid for at full rate.

It was moved by M.: W.: Bro. Graham, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. H. L. Robinson :

"That the report from the Committee on 'The State of Masonry' just read be received and is hereby adopted."

Motion carried.

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON RE-NUMBERING LODGES.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker, for the Committee named at the last annual meeting of Grand Lodge to re-number the subordinate lodges, made the following report :—

As this Committee understands that the object of their appointment was merely to find a proper place for the three Scotch lodges, according to agreement made that they should occupy the rank to which the dates of their respective original warrants entitled them, beg to report as follows :—

As the adoption of the report on "State of Masonry" has left No. 7 vacant, we suggest that that number should be given to Elgin Lodge, The date of the charter of St. Andrew Lodge, No. 6, is 1876 ; that of Prevost Lodge, No. 8, is 1855. The charter of Elgin is 1847, hence this is their natural and proper place.

We suggest that King Solomon Lodge take No. 64, and Argyle Lodge No. 65 ; Friendship Lodge No. 66, and Argenteuil No. 67.

By this means only two lodges are required to alter their numbers, which is fortunate, as it prevents the expense to the various lodges of altering their seals.

JOHN H. GRAHAM.

On the motion of M.: W.: Bro. J. H. Graham, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. H. D. Moore, the report was received and adopted.

R.: W.: Bro I. H. Stearns, on behalf of the Nominating Committee, submitted that said Committee had selected from among the members of Grand Lodge, the following Standing Committees :—

JURISPRUDENCE.

M.: W.: Bro. M. M. Tait.
 " " " James Dunbar.
 " " " J. H. Graham.
 R.: " " T. P. Butler.
 " " " J. P. Noyes.

STATE OF MASONRY.

R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker.
 M.: W.: " James Dunbar.
 " " " J. H. Graham.
 R.: " " H. L. Robinson.
 " " " A. F. Simpson.

FOREIGN RELATIONS AND CORRESPONDENCE.

M.: W.: Bro. J. H.: Graham.
 R.: " " Gustavus Lucke.
 " " " Hobart Butler.
 " " " Higgins.
 " " " J. Fred. Walker.

FINANCE.

R.: W.: Bro. Geo. O. Tyler.
 " " " I. H. Stearns.
 " " " F. Edgar.
 " " " J. B. Charleson.
 " " " T. W. Fuller.

BENEVOLENCE AND CHARITY.

R.: W.: Bro. Edson Fitch.
 " " " A. G. Adams.
 " " " I. H. Stearns.
 " " " Gustavus Lucke.
 " " " Darling.

CREDENTIALS AND RECEPTION.

R.: W.: Bro. A. Lyon.
 " " " A. G. Adams.
 " " " Hobart Butler.
 " " " W. Higgins.
 " " " T. W. Fuller.

NOMINATION AND ELECTION OF DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND
 MASTERS FOR THE DISTRICTS OF BEDFORD AND
 SHEFFORD AND BROME.

R.: W.: Bro. H. C. Blinn was reported to the M.: W.: the Grand Master as having been nominated as District Deputy Grand Master for the former District, and W.: Bro. Robinson for the latter, the M.: W.: the Grand Master approved of such nominations, and those brethren were declared duly elected to said offices.

REPORTS FROM GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

V.: W.: Bro. W. S. Evans, Grand Representative at this Grand Lodge, of the Grand Lodge of Oregon, reported the death of W.: Bro. W. W. Frances, representative near Oregon of this Grand Lodge, and suggested that a memorial page in the appendix to the proceedings of this Grand Lodge should be set apart to his memory.

The Grand Secretary was directed to comply.

R.: W.: Bro. Nye, Grand Representative of Peru, reported that the Grand Lodge of Peru, notwithstanding the disturbed political state of affairs in that empire, was making steady progress.

R.: W.: Bro. Leet, as Grand Representative of Utah, read a correspondence from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of that State, shewing the determination of that Grand Lodge, to preserve in their purity all the established principles of our Order.

V.: W.: Bro. W. Simpson Walker, Grand Representative of Colorado, Virginia, and Wyoming, made favorable reports of the Craft in those States.

On motion of R.: W.: Bro. Leet, seconded by R.: W.: Bro. W. S. Evans, the Grand Secretary was directed to have the *London Freemason* sent to the address of M.: W.: Bro. J. H. Graham for one year.

INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS.

M.: W.: Bro.: E. R. Johnson having been previously installed, was proclaimed from the East, West, and South as duly re-elected Grand Master.

R.: W.: Bros. I. H. Stearns and J. H. Isaacson were proclaimed re-elected, the former as Grand Treasurer, the latter as Grand Secretary.

M.: W.: Bro. John H. Graham, Past Grand Master obligated, and installed the following officers elect:—

R.: W.: Bro. J. Fred. Walker, as	<i>Deputy Grand Master.</i>
" " " Frederic Massey, as	<i>Grand Sen. Warden.</i>
" " " Revd. H. W. Nye, as	<i>" Jun. Warden.</i>
" " " Robinson,* as <i>D. D. G. M. for Shefford & Brome District.</i>	
" " " J. C. Wilson, as	<i>Grand Registrar.</i>

All the officers elected, installed and proclaimed, having been conducted to their respective positions were saluted with Grand honors, and suitably returned thanks for the honor conferred upon them.

The M.: W.: Grand Master gave instructions for the proper installation of Grand Officers elect who, being absent, had not received that ceremony during the present session.

* R.: W.: Bro. Robinson has since the meeting of Grand Lodge resigned this office, and R.: W.: Bro. D. Darby has been appointed in his place.

In the absence of Bro. G. R. White, R.: W.: Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, for him, moved, seconded by V.: W.: Bro. H. E. Channel, the following motion of which due notice had been given:—

"That paragraph 185, page 45 of the Book of Constitution, be amended by striking therefrom the words "And in every case the entire fee for the "degrees shall accompany the application, else such application shall not "be received"; and the following substituted: "The fee of five dollars "shall accompany every application, else such application shall not be received."

The motion was amended by the insertion of the words "at least" before the words "five dollars," and so amended, was carried.

R.: W.: Bro. J. B. Charleson and V.: W.: Bro. E. T. D. Chambers not being present, the motions to amend the Constitution, of which they had given notice, were not brought forward.

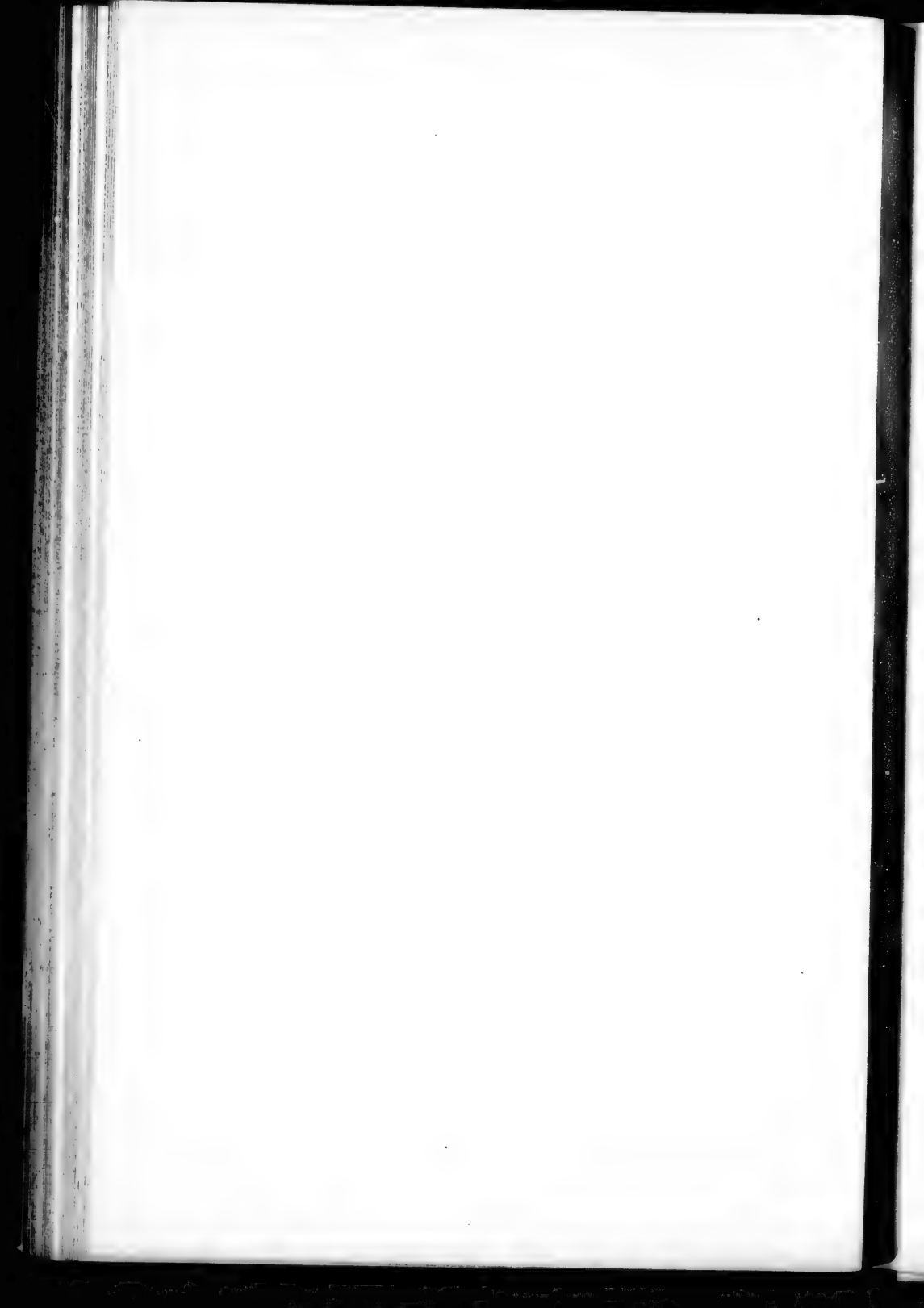
A vote of thanks was passed to the officers and brethren of Victoria Lodge, No. 16, for the use of their elegant lodge room for the purposes of the present meeting of Grand Lodge.

A vote of thanks was passed to all the Railroad Companies who had kindly given facilities for delegates to attend the present session.

At 1 p.m., after prayer, Grand Lodge was closed in *ample form*.



John B. Leachon
Grand Secy
G. L. of Q.



LIST OF GRAND LODGES

IN CORRESPONDENCE WITH THE GRAND LODGE OF QUEBEC,
WITH THE NAMES AND RESIDENCES OF THEIR
GRAND SECRETARIES.

Alabama	D. Sayre.....	Montgomery.
Arizona	George J. Roskrugs.....	Tucson, A. T.
Arkansas.....	Fay Hempstead.....	Little Rock.
Argentine Republic...	Carlos Urien.....	Buenos Ayres.
Belgium.....	Gustav Washer.....	Brussels.
Brazil.....	Dr. A. Freire de Amaral...	Rio Janeiro.
British Columbia.....	Edgar C. Baker.....	Victoria.
California	Alex. G. Abel.....	San Francisco.
Canada.....	J. J. Mason.....	Hamilton.
Columbia, District of..	W. R. Singleton.....	Washington.
Colorado	Edward C. Pamelee.	Georgetown.
Connecticut	Joseph K. Wheeler.....	Hartford.
Dakota	Charles T. McCoy.....	Bonhomme.
Delaware.....	Wm. S. Hayes.....	Wilmington.
Florida.....	DeWitt C. Dawkins.....	Jacksonville.
Georgia.....	J. Emmett Blackshear, M.D.	Macon.
Hungary	Henry Iby	
Idaho	James H. Wickersham.....	Boise City.
Illinois	L. L. Munn.....	Freeport.
Indiana	Wm. H. Smythe.....	Indianapolis.
Indian Territory.....	J. J. Murrow.....	Atoka.
Iowa	Theodore S. Parvin.....	Iowa City.
Ireland	S. B. Oldham	Dublin.
Kansas.....	John H. Brown.....	Wyandotte.
Kentucky	Hiram Bassett.....	Millersburg.
Louisiana.....	James C. Bachelor, M.D...	New Orleans.
Manitoba	Wm. G. Scott.....	Winnipeg.
Maine	Ira Berry.....	Portland.
Maryland.....	Jacob H. Medairy.....	Baltimore.
Massachusetts.....	Sereno D. Nickerson.....	Boston.
Michigan.....	William P. Innes.....	Grand Rapids.
Minnesota.....	A. T. C. Pearson.....	St. Paul.

Missouri	Rev. John D. Vincil, D.D....	St. Louis.
Mississippi	J. L. Power	Jackson.
Montana	C. Hedge	Helena.
Nebraska	W. R. Bowen	Omaha.
Nevada	John D. Hammond	Carson.
New Brunswick	Edwin J. Wetmore	St. John.
New Hampshire	George P. Cleaves	Concord.
New Jersey	Joseph H. Hough	Trenton.
New Mexico	David J. Miller	Santa Fee.
New South Wales	Nicholas Weekes	Sydney.
New York	Edward M. L. Ehlers	New York.
Nova Scotia	Benjamin Curren, B.C.L....	Halifax.
North Carolina	Donald W. Bain	Raleigh.
Ohio	John D. Caldwell	Cincinnati.
Oregon	F. J. Babcock	Salem.
Peru	J. Arturo Ego-Aguirre	Lima.
Pennsylvania	Michael Nisbet	Philadelphia.
Portugal	Jayne Larche	Lisbon.
Prince Edward Island	George W. Wakeford	Charlottetown.
Rhode Island	Edwin Baker	Providence.
South Carolina	Charles Inglesby	Charleston.
Spain	Rubio-y Pineda	Seville.
Texas	George H. Bringhurst	Houston.
Tennessee	John Frizzell	Nashville.
Utah	Christopher Diehl	Salt Lake City.
Vermont	William H. Root	Burlington.
Virginia	William B. Isaacs	Richmond.
Washington	Thomas M. Reed	Olympia.
West Virginia	O. S. Long	Wheeling.
Wisconsin	John W. Woodhull	Milwaukee.
Wyoming Territory	J. H. Simons	Laramie City.

GRAND REPRESENTATIVES.

1. Alabama—R. W. Bro. D. Sayer, Montgomery, Ala.
R. W. Bro. D. Thomas, Sherbrooke, Que.
2. Arkansas—R. W. Bro. W. H. Howes.
V. W. Bro. David Newton, Montreal, Que.
3. Belgium—R. W. Bro. C. P. Reid, Sherbrooke, Que.
4. British Columbia—R. W. Bro. James Reid.
V. W. Bro. D. Anderson, Montreal, Que.
5. California—R. W. Bro. A. G. Abell, San Francisco, Cal.
R. W. Bro. Edson Fitch, Quebec, Que.
6. Canada—R. W. Bro. Robert McKay, St. Thomas, Ont.
R. W. Bro. A. Murray, Montreal, Que.
7. Colorado. V. W. Bro. Andrew Sacendorf.
V. W. Bro. David Seath.
8. Columbia, District of—R. W. Bro. Geo. B. Clark, Washington, D.C.
W. Bro. Edward Holton, Montreal, Que.
9. Connecticut—R. W. Bro. J. K. Wheeler, Hartford, Conn.
R. W. Bro. E. M. Copeland, Berthier, (en haut) Que.
10. Dakota—R. W. Bro. Calvin G. Shaw.
V. W. Bro. Geo. Crawford, Montreal, Que.
11. Delaware—R. W. Bro. W. J. Stewart.
R. W. Bro. George O. Tyler, Yamachiche, Que.
12. Florida—R. W. Bro. William Taylor.
V. W. Bro. Thomas Allan, Montreal, Que.
13. Georgia—R. W. Bro. J. E. Blackshear, Macon, Ga.
R. W. Bro. James Addie, Lennoxville.
14. Hungary—R. W. Bro. Jules Kleinrath.
Rev. Bro. R. W. Norman, Montreal, Que.
15. Idaho—R. W. Bro. H. E. Puckett, Boise City, Id.
R. W. Bro. John Renshaw, Montreal, Que.
16. Illinois—R. W. Bro. D. C. Cregier, Chicago, Ill.
R. W. Bro. Alex. Chisholm, Montreal, Que.
17. Indiana—M. W. Bro. C. Fetta, Indianapolis, Ind.
M. W. Bro. E. R. Johnson, Stanstead, Que.
18. Indian Territory—R. W. Bro. William A. Welsh, Caddo.
V. W. Bro. P. A. Crossby, Montreal, Que.
19. Iowa—M. W. Bro. E. A. Guilbert, Dubuque, Iowa.
R. W. Bro. H. E. Channell, Stanstead, Que.

20. Ireland—R. W. Bro. George Hill Major, Dublin.
R. W. Bro. Benj. Burland, Quebec.
21. Kansas—M. W. Bro. J. H. Brown, Kan.
R. W. Bro. C. Judge, Quebec, Que.
- 22.—Kentucky—R. W. Bro. A. J. Turpin.
R. W. Bro. Joseph Mitchell, Montreal, Que.
23. Louisiana—R. W. Bro. Joseph P. Horner, New Orleans, La.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Wood, Durham, Que.
24. Maine—M. W. Bro. J. H. Drummond, Portland, Maine.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
25. Manitoba—W. Bro. Samuel L. Bedson, Winnipeg, Man.
W. Bro. Alfred G. Isaacson, Montreal, Que.
26. Maryland—R. W. Bro. John S. Tyson, Baltimore.
R. W. Bro. J. Fred. Walker, Montreal, Que.
27. Michigan—R. W. Bro. D. Burnham, Tracy, Detroit, Michigan.
R. W. Bro. Alexander Murray, Montreal, Que.
28. Minnesota—R. W. Bro. James N. Castle, St. Paul, Minn.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Simpson, Montreal, Que.
29. Mississippi—R. W. Bro. R. C. Patty, Macon, Miss.
R. W. Bro. S. J. Foss, Sherbrooke, Que.
30. Missouri—Rev. Bro. Chas. C. Woods, D.D., Kansas City.
R. W. Bro. H. L. Robinson, Waterloo, Que.
31. Montana—R. W. Bro. Thomas M. Pomroy, Missoula, Mon.
R. W. Bro. Wm. McWood, Point St. Charles, Montreal, Que.
32. Nebraska—R. W. Bro. J. N. Wise, Omaha, Neb.
R. W. Bro. H. P. Leggat, Quebec, Que.
33. Nevada—R. W. Bro. W. S. McLellan.
R. W. Bro. Thomas Milton, Montreal, Que.
34. New Brunswick—R. W. Bro. E. Willis, St. John, N. B.
R. W. Bro. T. P. Butler, Montreal, Que.
35. New Hampshire—R. W. Bro. Alpheus Gay, Manchester, N. H.
R. W. Bro. I. H. Stearns, Montreal, Que.
36. New Jersey—R. W. Bro. George B. Edwards, Jersey City Heights.
R. W. Bro. J. P. Martin, Upper Bedford, Que.
37. New Mexico—R. W. Bro. Simon B. Newcomb.
R. W. Bro. Robert Ramsay, Orillia, Ont.
38. New York—R. W. Bro. D. W. Tallcott, West Troy, N. Y.
M. W. Bro. M. M. Tait, Montreal, Que.
39. New South Wales—
R. W. Bro. Gustavus Lucke, Sherbrooke, Que.
40. North Carolina—R. W. Bro. D. W. Bain, Raleigh, N. C.
R. W. Bro. J. H. Pratten, Quebec, Que.
41. Nova Scotia—R. W. Bro. George T. Smithers, Halifax, N. S.
R. W. Bro. Samuel Kennedy, Quebec, Que.

42. Ohio—R. W. Bro. C. A. Woodward, Cleveland, O.
M. W. Bro. James Dunbar, Quebec, Que.
43. Oregon—W. Bro. J. C. Moreland, Portland, Oregon.
V. W. Bro. W. S. Evans, Montreal, Que.
44. Peru—R. W. Bro. Ricardo H. Hartley, Lima, Peru.
R. W. Bro. Rev. H. W. Nye, Bedford, Que.
45. Portugal—V. W. Bro. A. Boisseau, Montreal, Que.
46. Prince Edward Island—R. W. Bro. Neil McKelvie.
V. W. Bro. David A. Manson, Mansonville, Que.
47. Rhode Island—R. W. Bro. E. W. Brunsden, Bristol, R. I.
R. W. Bro. Frederick Massey, Montreal, Que.
48. South Carolina—R. W. Bro. Charles Inglesby, Laurens, S. C.
V. W. Bro. Charles Knowles, Quebec, Que.
49. Spain—R. B. Bro. Richard Etheridge, Seville.
R. W. Bro. A. G. Adams, Montreal, Que.
50. Tennessee—M. W. Bro. G. C. Connor.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Charleson, Quebec, Que.
51. Texas—M. W. Bro. J. H. McLeary, San Antonio.
R. W. Bro. Chas. D. Hanson, Montreal, Que.
52. Utah—R. W. Bro. Christopher Diehl, Salt Lake City.
R. W. Bro. T. Leet, Danville, Que.
53. Vermont—R. W. Bro. A. A. Hall, St. Albans, Ver.
R. W. Bro. Hobart Butler, Bedford, Que.
54. Virginia—R. W. Bro. James G. Bain.
V. W. Bro. W. Simpson Walker, Montreal, Que.
55. Washington Territory—R. W. Bro. Rev. A. S. Nicholson, Vancouver.
R. W. Bro. T. P. Prentiss, Aylmer.
56. West Virginia—R. W. Bro. O. S. Long, Wheeling, W. V.
R. W. Bro. H. W. Wood, Knowlton, Que.
57. Wisconsin—R. W. Bro. S. Cadwallader, Milwaukee, Wis.
R. W. Bro. Arthur F. Simpson, Lennoxville, Que.
58. Wyoming—R. W. Bro. James H. Hayfield.
R. W. Bro. J. C. Wilson, Montreal, Que.

GRAND SECRETARY'S TABULAR STATEMENT *Compiled from Returns to January, 1884.*

No.	Lodge.	Place of Meeting.	Master.	Secretary.	Address of Secretary.	Time of Meeting.
1	Antiquity	Montreal	A. Chisholm.	George C. Bown	83 McGill Street, Montreal	Second Wednesday.
2	Albion	Quebec city	Hugh Paton.	Robert Smith	Canada Express, Quebec	Second Friday.
3	St. John	Quebec city	T. Inglis Posten.	E. H. C. Harbison	Box 34, P. O., Quebec	Second Wednesday.
4	Dorchester	St. Johns	G. B. Futvoye.	Geo. H. Wilkinson	St. Johns, Quebec.	Second Tuesday.
5	Golden Rule	Stanstead	Herbert C. Hill.	G. M. Thomas	Stanstead	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
6	St. Andrew	Quebec city	E. T. D. Chambers.	W. Noble Campbell	109 St. Peter Street, Quebec.	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
7	Elgin	Montreal	Wm. M. Briggs.	George Glover	32 Notre Dame Street, Montreal	First Wednesday.
8	Prevost	Dunham	B. A. Langway	H. H. Church.	Dunham	First Monday.
9	Nelson	St. Armand Station	L. G. Burnell.	T. H. Throop.	St. Armand Station.	Tuesday before Full Moon.
10	St. George	Montreal	Duncan McCormick.	Geo. Brown.	43 Anderson St., Montreal	Thursday on or before Full Moon.
11	St. George	Montreal	J. A. Peard	W. S. Peard	68 Dominion Street, Montreal	Third Tuesday.
12	Zetland	Montreal	Thos. Simpson.	E. T. Perry.	21 St. Charles Boulevard, Montreal	Third Tuesday.
15	St. Francis.	Richmond	A. G. McCormick, M.D.	T. L. Brown, M.D.	Richmond	Second Thursday.
16	Victoria	Sherbrooke	Thos. W. Fuller.	Edward S. Stevens	Sherbrooke	Thursday on or before Full Moon.
17	Sheffield	Waterloo	Gardner Stevens.	Thos. A. Knowles.	Waterloo, Quebec	Second Tuesday.
18	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	James A. Tree.	W. A. O'Dell.	Stanbridge East	First Monday.
20	Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal	T. W. Foster.	Frank Maile	P. O. Box 738, Montreal	Wednesday on or before Full Moon.
21	Yamaska	Granby	E. B. Farnsworth.	Joseph T. Seale	Granby	Second Monday.
24	Browne	West Farnham	Peter Elder	M. E. Bowker	West Farnham	First Wednesday.
25	Royal Albert.	Montreal	A. G. Fenwick	A. W. D. Howell	P. O. Box 306, Montreal	Friday on or before Full Moon.
27	St. John	Mansonville	Calvin C. Perkins.	David A. Nanson.	Mansonville	Second Monday.
28	Tuscan	Levis	L. A. Farmer	Henry R. Sample.	South Quebec.	Wednesday before Full Moon.
29	Royal Canadian.	Sweetsburg	H. D. Pickett.	George N. Galer.	Sweetsburg	First Thursday.
30	Ascot.	Lennoxville	James Addie.	James H. Chapman	Lennoxville	Second Wednesday.
31	Ashlar	Coaticook	Edward McKee.	W. W. Andrews.	Coaticook	Monday on or before Full Moon.
32	Mount Royal	Montreal	George D. Stanton.	W. A. Matley.	140 McGill Street, Montreal	First Wednesday.
33	Freligsburg	Freligsburg	Elijah Rowell, M. D.	M. P. Reynolds.	Freligsburg.	Second Tuesday.
						Monday on or before Full Moon.

30	Ascot.....	Lennoxville.....	H. D. Pickett.....	James H. Chapman.....	James H. Chapman.....	Lennoxville.....	Second Wednesday. Monday on or before Full Moon.
31	Ahlar.....	Coaticook.....	Edward McKee.....	H. W. Andrews.....	Coaticook.....	Coaticook.....	First Wednesday.
32	Mount Royal.....	Montreal.....	George D. Stanton.....	W. A. Matley.....	140 McGill Street, Montreal.....	Freiligsburg.....	Second Tuesday. (Moon, Monday on or before Full Moon.)
33	Freiligsburg.....	Freiligsburg.....	Elijah Rowell, M. D.....	M. P. Reynolds.....	Freiligsburg.....	Freiligsburg.....	Monday on or before Full Moon.
34	Dorrie.....	Danville.....	A. E. Lee.....	John S. Riddle.....	Danville.....	Danville.....	Wednesday before Full Moon.
35	Brome Lake.....	Knowlton.....	Chas. H. Tarbell.....	A. W. Pettes.....	Knowlton.....	Knowlton.....	First Wednesday.
36	Chateaugay.....	Huntington.....	Daniel Boyd.....	John H. Gilmore.....	Huntington.....	Huntington.....	Second Tuesday.
37	Corner Stone.....	Cowansville.....	G. L. Cotton.....	John Morison, sr.....	Cowansville.....	Cowansville.....	Wednesday on or before Full Moon.
38	Mount Moriah.....	Montreal.....	A. G. Adams.....	John S. Clunie.....	251 St James St, Mont'l.....	251 St James St, Mont'l.....	First Friday.
39	Sutton.....	Sutton Plats.....	W. H. O'Regan.....	F. A. Olnstead.....	Sutton.....	Sutton.....	Sundays before Full Moon.
40	Pontiac.....	Shawville.....	John H. Shaw.....	W. W. Ireland.....	Shawville.....	Shawville.....	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
41	Eddy.....	Hull.....	Thomas Darling.....	A. Perraton.....	Hull.....	Hull.....	Second Thursday.
44	St. Charles.....	Pont St. Charles, Montreal.....	Thomas Highmore.....	Bernard A. Cox.....	331 St. James Street.....	331 St. James Street.....	Fourth Tuesday.
45	Cours Unis.....	Montreal.....	G. E. A. Belle.....	Joseph Edmond.....	33 Dominique Street.....	33 Dominique Street.....	Fourth Wednesday.
46	Excelsior.....	Actonvale.....	Frederick Wood.....	O. C. Brown.....	Actonvale.....	Actonvale.....	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
47	Graham.....	Bolton Centre.....	George A. Martin.....	J. P. Hall.....	Bolton Centre.....	Bolton Centre.....	Tuesday on or before Full Moon.
48	Mount Orford.....	Georgetown.....	W. M. Keyes, M.D.....	R. L. Ayr.....	Georgetown.....	Georgetown.....	Tuesday after Full Moon.
49	Shawenggan.....	Three Rivers.....	G. Richardson Smith.....	Alex. McKelvie.....	Three Rivers.....	Three Rivers.....	Second Wednesday.
50	Olive Branch.....	West Shefford.....	Ashley Kilburn.....	Roswell Richardson.....	West Shefford.....	West Shefford.....	First Wednesday after Full Moon.
52	Prince Consort.....	Montreal.....	James Patterson.....	David Tuff.....	H. M. Customs, Mont'l.....	H. M. Customs, Mont'l.....	Fourth Tuesday.
53	St. Andrew.....	Montreal.....	W. McLea Walbank.....	Richard I. Wynne.....	3 Merchants Exchange, Montreal.....	3 Merchants Exchange, Montreal.....	Second Tuesday.
54	Ionic.....	Montreal.....	Rev. J. Scriver, M.A.....	Louis Rolin.....	343 Notre Dame Street, Montreal.....	343 Notre Dame Street, Montreal.....	First Thursday.
55	Lake Magog.....	Magog.....	L. K. Drew.....	E. D. Smith, jr.....	Magog.....	Magog.....	First Tuesday.
57	Rocheleau, Montreal.....	Rocheleau, Montreal.....	Robt. Arthur Kellond.....	James McCall.....	P. O. Box 68, Montreal.....	P. O. Box 68, Montreal.....	At Cassells, Simpson & Co 13 St. Helen St, Montreal.
58	Montarville.....	Longueuil.....	George E. Nugent.....	H. E. McIntosh.....	Co 13 St. Helen St, Montreal.....	Co 13 St. Helen St, Montreal.....	Monday on or before Full Moon.
59	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	G. A. Coalett.....	D. W. Hatch.....	Bedford.....	Bedford.....	First Thursday from Dec. to May and First Saturday from June to Nov.
60	Richelieu.....	Sorel.....	Edward Montgomery.....	James Fish.....	Sorel.....	Sorel.....	First Wednesday.
62	Corinthian.....	Montreal.....	C. R. Willis.....	Geo. J. Richardson.....	P. O. Box 664, Montreal.....	P. O. Box 664, Montreal.....	Third Tuesday.
63	Prince of Wales.....	Sherbrooke.....	Hunter Bradford.....	J. A. Wingett.....	Sherbrooke.....	Sherbrooke.....	First Tuesday.
64	King Solomon.....	Montreal.....	Wm. Byrd.....	Wm. George Slack.....	P. O. Box 245, Montreal.....	P. O. Box 245, Montreal.....	First Tuesday.
65	Angyle.....	Pont St. Charles, Montreal.....	J. Fenwick.....	Harry E. Holt.....	614 Wellington Street, St. Gabriel Village.....	614 Wellington Street, St. Gabriel Village.....	Second Wednesday.
66	Friendship.....	Cookshire.....	L. C. Pope.....	W. F. Pennoyer.....	Cookshire.....	Cookshire.....	Third Monday.
67	Argenteuil.....	Lacluth.....	W. D. Simpson.....	Geo. L. Moir.....	Lacluth.....	Lacluth.....	Second Tuesday.
68	Good Samaritan.....	New Carlisle.....	G. Blaylock.....	W. M. Sheppard.....	New Carlisle, Bonaven- ture County.....	New Carlisle, Bonaven- ture County.....	First Tuesday.

OFFICES OF THE GRAND LODGE FOR 1884.

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"	" " F. G. WOTHERSPOON	Three Rivers } <i>D.D.G.M. Quebec and</i> <i>Three Rivers Dis.</i>	
"	" " FRED. MASSEY.....	Montreal.....	" <i>Montreal District.</i>
"	" " GEORGE PINKHAM.....	Coaticooke....	" <i>St. Francis</i> "
"	" " H. C. BLINN	Stanbridge....	" <i>Bedford</i> "
"	" " D. DARBY.....	Hull	" <i>Shefford & Brome.</i>
"	" " C. D. CHITTY.....	Waterloo	" <i>Ottawa District.</i>
"	" " JAS. BOWEN, Jr.....	Quebec	<i>Grand Senior Warden</i>
"	" " REV. H. W. NYE.....	Bedford	" <i>Junior</i> "
"	" " REV. LEWIS EVANS.....	Montreal	" <i>Chaplain.</i>
"	" " JORVOIS A. NEWNHAM....	Montreal	" "
"	" " I. H. STEARNS, Montreal, re-elected.....		" <i>Treasurer.</i>
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"	" " JOHN H. ISAACSON, Montreal, re-elected..		" <i>Secretary.</i>
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"	" " F. W. FOSTER.....	Montreal	" <i>Junior</i> "
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"	" " JAS. R. WHYTE.....	Montreal.....	" <i>Steward.</i>
"	" " JOSEPH EDMOND.....	Montreal.....	" "
"	" " ALEX. McKELVIE.....	Three Rivers..	" "
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Joshua B. Kimball.

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Chas. F. Jackson, Jas. A. Staton.

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Wm. H. Hanner.

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Simon Bean, J. W. Liddell, T. B. Morrill.

ST. ANDREW No. 6.

George King.

PREVOST No. 8.

James McElroy.

ST. GEORGE No. 10.

J. L. Noakes.

ST. GEORGE No. 11.

W. L. Perego, David Ritchie, Edward Leach, Chas. Scholefield.

ZETLAND No. 12.

Louis Laberge.

ST. FRANCIS No. 15.

H. F. Woodburn.

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John Porteous, W. F. Johnston, J. V. Calcutt, Gilbert Mackenzie, G. W.
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John Lewis, Charles Cassils.

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Wm. F. Allen, Geo. W. Snyder.

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SUTTON No. 39.

Geo. Taylor, Alfred Hunt, Jas. Albert Robinson.

EDDY No. 41.

Geo. T. Lester, Edmund John Darby, Ralph Smith.

ST. CHARLES No. 44.

Allan Macpherson, Edwin Thompson, Peter Fransdon.

SHAWENEGAN No. 49.

Peter McKenzie.

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Robert Stewart.

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Philip Henry Richardson.

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James Scroggie.

NOTICE.

The Fifteenth Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Quebec, A. F. & A. M., will be held at the City of Montreal, on Wednesday, the 28th day of the month of January, 1885, at 10.00 a.m.

John B. Leachon
Grand Secy
G. L. of Q.

SYNOPSIS OF THE RETURNS OF LODGES FOR 12 MONTHS ENDING 31st JANUARY, 1884.

No.	NAME.	LOCATION.	Initiations.	Passings.	Relinquish.	Joinings.	Withdrawals.	Deaths.	Reported for non-pay Dues.	Reinstated.	Life Members.	Susp'd for un-Masonic Com.	Members.
1	Antiquity	Montreal	2	2	1	39*	0	1	0	1	1	0	61
2	Albion	Quebec City	1	1	1	4	2	2	20	2	0	0	47
3	St. John	Quebec City	6	6	6	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	40
4	Dorchester	St. Johns	1	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	41
5	Golden Rule	Stanstead	1	1	1	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	133
6	St. Andrew	Quebec City	7	7	7	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	76
7	Elgin	Montreal	4	4	4	0	0	1	9	0	0	0	51
8	Prevost (late No. 7)	Dunham	No	report.									39
9	Prevost	Dunham	4	4	4	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	43
10	Nelson	St. Armand Station	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
11	St. George	Montreal	4	4	4	7	1	0	10	2	0	0	36
12	St. George	Montreal	9	9	5	1	4	2	0	0	0	0	70
13	Zetland	Montreal	1	0	0	2	1	0	0	1	1	0	57
14	St. Francis	Richmond	4	6	7	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	63
15	Victoria	Sherbrooke	4	4	4	4	2	1	2	0	0	0	114
16	Waterloo	Waterloo	8	8	8	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	79
17	Stanbridge	Stanbridge	3	3	3	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	54
18	Montreal Kilwinning	Montreal	6	6	6	6	1	6	1	2	0	1	106
19	Yamaska	Granby	6	6	6	0	2	0	2	1	0	0	29
20	Browne	West Farnham	No	report.									17
21	Royal Albert	Montreal	4	3	2	3	10	1	0	1	0	0	91
22	Victoria	Montreal	0	0	0	0	3	3	5	1	0	0	38
23	St. John	Madisonville	6	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
24	Tuscan	Levis	6	4	4	4	2	0	0	0	0	0	42
25	Royal Canadian	Sweetsburg	6	3	3	2	0	0	0	2	0	0	34
26	Ascot	Lennoxville	6	6	6	2	1	0	0	1	0	2	51

RECAPITULATION OF RETURNS OF LODGES FOR THE
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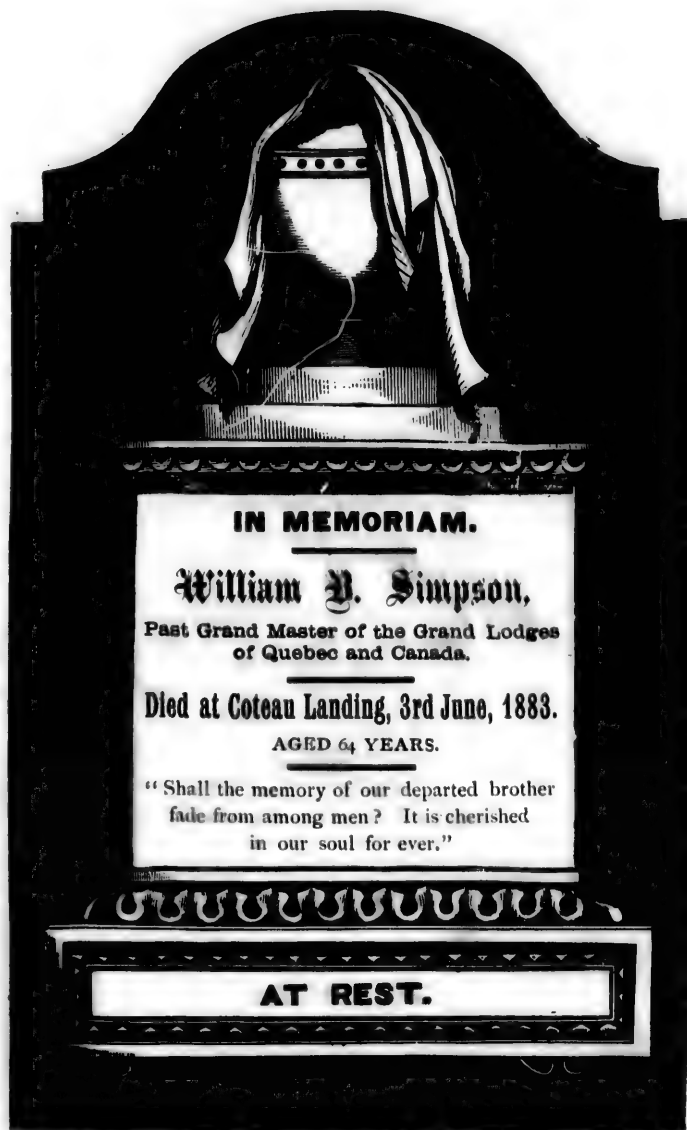
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IN MEMORIAM.

G. H. Worlase,

Past District Deputy Grand Master of the
Grand Lodge of Quebec.

Died at Sherbrooke, August 7th, 1883.

AGED 51 YEARS.

To know him was to love him.



AT REST.



IN MEMORIAM.

Martin Winn,

AGED 54 YEARS.

Past Master of Albion Lodge No. 2.

Died at Quebec City, 29th Oct., 1883.

He was zealous, conscientious, able,
courteous,



AT REST.



IN MEMORIAM.

W. W. Frances,

Grand Representative of Quebec at
Grand Lodge of Oregon.

Died Anno Domini 1883.

In gratitude for services rendered.

AT REST.

Deaths.

ANTIQUITY No. 1.
Donald N. McCoshan.

ALBION No. 2.
Robt. Elliott, Martin Winn.

GOLDEN RULE No. 5.
Wm. B. Boyd, Wm. D. Robertson, Wm. G. Moulton.

ELGIN No. 7.
A. H. Kollmyer.

PREVOST No. 8.
Richard John Saraway.

ST. GEORGE No. 11.
Joseph Wylie, Wm. Powers.

ST. FRANCIS No. 15.
G. H. Moison.

VICTORIA No. 16.
Edwin A. Johnson.

ROYAL ALBERT No. 25.
J. C. James.

VICTORIA No. 26.
David Strachan, W. B. Simpson, Rich. Wagner.

MOUNT ROYAL No. 32.
Andrew McNeice, John Clark, Norbert Roy.

MOUNT MORIAH No. 38.
John Dougall.

ST. CHARLES No. 44.
Andrew Gall, Jonathan Simpson.

SHAWNEGAN No. 48.
Peter Adams, F. A. Page.

LAKE MAGOG No. 55.
A. W. Hubbard.

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Elisha C. Shuffer.

FRIENDSHIP No. 65.
Luke C. Pope.



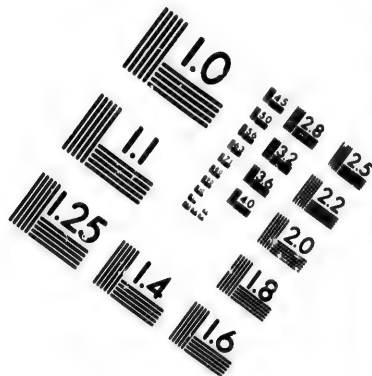
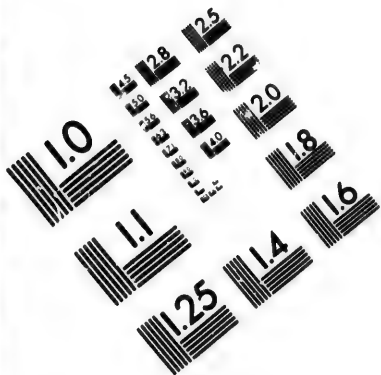
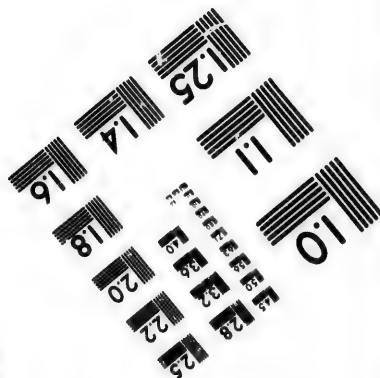
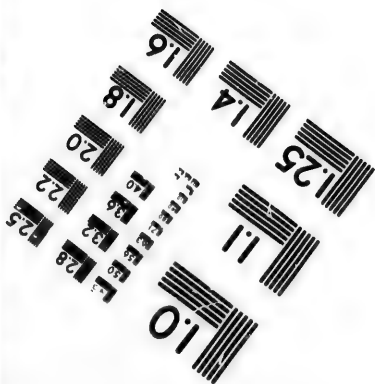
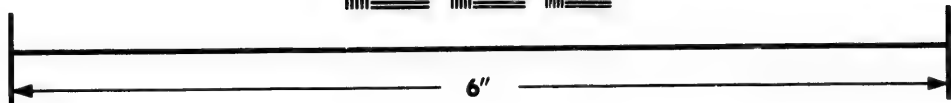
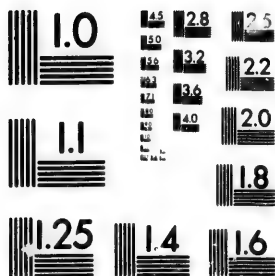


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